THE WEATHER.

Rain in east, rain or snow in west portion today; Wednesday fair.

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FAMOUS EXILE ON WAY TO THE U. S.

Castro, Erstwhile Venezuelan Dictator, Sails From France For America.

OFFICIALS GREATLY WORRIED

State Department Is Confronted With Disagreeable Question of What To Do With Him—May Not Let Him Land

Washington, December 23.—The coming to America, under the name of Ruiz, of Cipriano Castro, one time president and practically dictator of Venezuela, was today communicated to the State Department from the American embassy in Paris. The Venezuelan exile is aboard LaTouraine, which is due in New York next Saturday, and the State Department is confronted with the disagreeable question of what to do with him.

Castro has been kept under surveillance as much as possible for the last three years, though now and then he has disappeared from the sight and knowledge of the State Department. When it was reported that he had embarked from France for America last Saturday at Havre, the officials were incredulous, and it was only late today that official confirmation of his sailing was received.

It is tacitly admitted that if Castro is to be kept out of the United States, it must be done under color of the public health laws and regulations, for there is no formal charge against him that would warrant such action. Therefore, the decision of the question as to his admission probably will be left to the Department of Commerce and Labor, which is charged with the conduct of immigration.

Officials of that department today said Castro would be subjected to a rigid examination immediately upon landing to determine his admissibility to the country, but no official was prepared today to say whether the government as a matter of policy would go to extremes to keep the Venezuelan out.

Officials here would not hazard a guess as to the purpose of Castro's visit. Should the ex-President cherish a design of starting another revolution against the government of President Gomez, in Venezula, it was pointed out, he certainly would find a difficult field for his operations in this country, where his every move would be watched by agents of the Department of Justice to prevent violations of the neutrality law.

SEARCHING FOR BODIES.

Capt. Barr and Crew of 21 Lost in Sea Near St. Shotts.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 23.—Search was begun today for the bodies of Capt. Barr and the 21 members of the crew of the steamer Florence, which was wrecked Friday on the rocks near St. Shotts. News of the wreck reached here last night when Mate J. H. Hedley and two members of the crew arrived at Trepassey, almost exhausted. Two other seamen, the only other survivors, are being cared for at a small isolated settlement a few miles from St. Shotts. The Florence had disappeared beneath the waves before Mate Hedley and his little band left the cliffs upon which they had found refuge Saturday morning. Most of the men who went down with the ship were lashed to the rigging. The survivors stood on the shore unable to aid them.

Capt. Barr and the entire crew made a landing on a shelf of rock soon after the schooner struck, but the high cliffs on all sides made it impossible for them to escape and the rising tide compelled them to return to the ship. Later Mate Hedley and four of the crew took a small boat and succeeded in making a landing. Before others could follow them, all the other boats were washed away.

ELIMINATE NEGRO SOLDIER

Proposal Will Be Discussed at Conference of Army Officers

Washington, December 23. — The proposal to eliminate the negro as an American soldier is a topic slated for consideration when the conference of the ranking officers of the United States army takes place here January 8th.

Some officers favoring the plan are prepared to urge it on the ground that in the Philippines, the natives are said to resent the appearance among them of the black troopers and that there are signs of dissatisfaction in Hawaii, owing to the fact that the 25th Infantry, a negro organization, has been ordered to the islands to form a permanent garrison.

Friends of the negro soldiers are preparing to make a strnuous fight in their behalf, pointing to their record in time of war in Cuba and in the Philippines.

Buffalo, N. Y., December 23.—J. Frank Hickey, convicted of murder in the second degree for the killing of Joseph Josephs, the 7-year-old Lackawanna boy, October 12th, 1911, was sentenced today to the State prison at Auburn for an indeterminate sentence, the minimum of which is 20 years and the mixmum, life.

OVERMAN FAST RECOVERING

Senator's Condition Very Satisfactory, Physicians Say—Two Wilmingtonians Will Take Part In Wilson Inauguration

Wilmington Star Bureau
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Washington, D. C., December 23.—Dr. Sterling Ruffin, one of Senator Overman's physicians, after his visit to the Senator at George Washington Hospital today, stated that his condition was eminently satisfactory, and that the danger line had seemingly been crossed. The Senator's temperature, pulse and respiration, said Dr. Ruffin, are normal. Early recognition of the disease and prompt operation have greatly facilitated the Senator's recovery.

Charles H. Martin, Senator Overman's private secretary, tonight issued the following statement: "Herself too overcome with grief and apprehension over the condition of her husband to personally acknowledge at this time receipt of the numerous telegrams and other expressions of sympathy she has received from friends of Senator Overman, who was stricken down a few days ago, almost without warning, and operated on for acute appendicitis on last Saturday, Mrs. Overman has requested me to express through the papers her sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the deep interest manifested in her sick husband, and for the kind and comforting words offered to the members of the family. She has asked me to say that in this dark hour she and the members of her family have found much comfort and consolation in the kind words of sympathy which she has received from Senator Overman's friends, all of which she hopes to personally acknowledge at a more appropriate time."

Two North Carolinians will take important parts in the arrangements for the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson. They are Walker Vick, secretary of the inaugural committee, and Geo. P. James, who was today appointed chairman of the committee on transportation. Both are from Wilmington. James is district passenger agent here for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and Vick is one of the young men who helped to nominate and elect Woodrow Wilson President.

Mr. Vick spent today in Washington and left tonight for his New Jersey home to be with his family for the holidays. He will return Thursday and take charge of the arrangements for the inauguration of President-elect Wilson. P. R. A.

SPECIAL R. R. AGENT KILLED

Alexander McGill Shot In Baggage Car —Negro Porter Held

Mobile, Ala., December 23.—Alexander McGill, special agent for the Mobile & Ohio Railroad at Tuscaloosa, Ala., was shot to death early Sunday morning in a baggage car of a Mobile & Ohio passenger train, No. 105, and his body was thrown from the train onto a bridge over Gypsie Creek, where it remained hanging between the cross-ties until discovered by a searching party, according to information received by the officials of the Mobile & Ohio here today.

Napoleon Jones, a porter on the train, was arrested Sunday night and charged with the crime. The murder was discovered when the train arrived at Tuscaloosa, when an overcoat belonging to McGill, covered with blood, was found on the floor of the car and a searching party started out.

According to advices from Tuscaloosa, a lynching was narrowly averted following the capture of Jones, who was rushed to Birmingham for safekeeping.

Birmingham, Ala., December 23.—Napoleon Jones, a negro porter on a Mobile & Ohio Railroad train, was rushed to jail here today from Tuscaloosa, to escape possible summary violence. Jones is charged with killing Alexander McGill, special agent for the Mobile & Ohio Railroad and former Chief of Police at Tuscaloosa.

McGill was attempting to arrest Jones on a charge of selling whiskey on the train. His body was thrown off the train. The conductor and flagman took the negro in charge after the killing.

VICTIM OF MURDER PLOT

Wealthy Chicago Contractor Poisoned, Says Coroner's Jury

Chicago, December 23.—A coroner's jury today returned a verdict declaring that Frank Raude, a wealthy contractor who died at his home last Friday, several days after making a will leaving all his property to his wife, was the vicitim of a murder plot.

Physicians who analyzed Raude's viscera testified that they found a large quantity of poison in the organs.

Mrs. Mary Raude, the dead man's wife, fainted at the coroner's inquest, after Dr. W. H. Burmeister had testified that a chemical analysis of the victim's viscera revealed 30 grains of one kind of poison and 19 grains of another.

Minneapolis, Minn., December 23.—Henry Ordmann, of Minneapolis, will meet Jess Westergaard, of Des Moines, Iowa, here Tuesday night, January 7th, it was announced tonight. The winner of the match, which will be at straight catch-as-catch-can style, will claim the heavyweight wrestling championship of America, as Frank Gotch has retired. The men have met twice before, each having won a victory.

ALLIES FORCED TO SHOW THEIR HAND

Balkan Kingdoms Lay Their Important Cards On Diplomatic Table

WHAT THEY DEMAND OF TURK

Turkish Delegates After Hearing Proclamation of Fate of Their European Empire, Ask for Adjournment.

London, Dec. 23.—After several days of preliminary skirmishing, in accordance to the cherished traditions of Oriental diplomacy, the Turkish delegates today faced the real attack of the allies at the fifth meeting of the peace conference, which has undertaken the settling of the war between the Balkan allies and Turkey.

The victorious allies laid their most important cards on the table. These were in the form of territorial conditions which they had determined to impose upon the Ottoman Empire. The demands were as follows:

1. The cession by Turkey of all the territory west of a line starting from a point east of Rodesto on the sea of Marmora, to a point into the Bay of Malatra, on the Black Sea, and excluding the peninsula of Gallipoli, Albania's status to be decided by the powers.

2. The cession of the Aegean Islands occupied by the Greek forces in the present war and by the Italians in the recent war.

3. The cession to Greece of all Turkish rights in the Island of Crete.

The allies did not reveal today the financial proposals which they will make to Turkey, reserving them for a future meeting.

Before the allies presented their specifications today the Turks announced that their government was prepared to proceed with the negotiations, leaving the question of re-victualing Adrianople for discussion between Turkey and Bulgaria. They abandoned their previous request to provision Scutari and Janina.

The formal conference lasted only a quarter of an hour. The Turks listened to the proclamation of the fate of their European empire without formal comment and asked for an adjournment until Saturday to consider the allies' demands.

In the informal conversation with the delegates which consumed an hour, the Turks asserted it would be impossible for them to accept such terms, but that statement is inevitable in meetings of this character and was expected today.

The territorial profits of the war which the allies will divide are the same as those published in these dispatches December 14th with the exception of the arrangements of the powers made for Albania.

The allies will recognize the autonomy of Albania under the suzerainty of the Porte, but not its sovereignty. Albania will become what Crete was and what Egypt is in its relation to Turkey. The Sultan will be the nominal ruler, but without political administrative or military power. He will have the right to raise his flag in Albania, and appoint a resident Governor, but only for the purpose of ratifying the decisions of the local government.

All the delegations attended today's session. Every one appreciated the fact that the meeting was to mark the passage of the deliberations from the preliminary stage to that of real negotiations, and that it was destined to revise the map of Eastern Europe.

The atmosphere of the stately council chamber was charged with intense feeling through the proceedings.

M. Novakovitch, head of the Servian delegation, took the chair. On his right was M. Nikolitch, speaker of the Servian Parliament, and on his left M. Vosnitch, the Servian minister to France. The president of the conference asked Rechad Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation, to notify the conference as to the instructions he had received from Constantinople.

Rechad replied that the imperial Ottoman government had instructed him to treat with all the allies, Greece included, without any conditions.

Dealing with the question of re-victualling the besieged fortresses. Rechad Pasha said Turkey even was ready to lay aside the cases of Scutari and Janina. In Adrianople he said, it was known the hospitals were overcrowded and their patients lacking in primary necessities. Women, children and the aged were suffering or starving.

He must insist, he said, on provisioning Adrianople to an extent which would meet the demands of humanity, but which would be insufficient to place the belligrents in a better position than they held when the armistice was signed.

Rechad said he was animated by a desire to avoid procrastiination and that the question might be dealt with directly between the Turks and the Bulgarians, thus making it possible for the conference to continue. The heads of the allied delegations expressed satisfaction with Rechad's statement.

Then M. Novakovitch, tall and erect, rose, holding in his hand a large sheet of paper. It was the crucial momont

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ASSASSIN ALMOST SUCCEEDED

Viceroy of India Has Narrow Escape From Bomb of Fanatic—Three Splinters of the Bomb Penetrated His Back.

Delhi, India, Dec. 23.—The viceroy of India and his wife, Baron and Baroness Hardinge, miraculously escaped assassination today by a native fanatic while making their ceremonial entry into Delhi, the new imperial capital of India.

Three splinters of the powerful bomb, which killed one native attendant and injured another, penetrated the back and shoulders of the viceroy and he was also wounded in the neck by the screws with which the bomb was filled and which passed through his helmet.

The doctors who removed the metal splinters from the wounds, declare it marvelous that the viceroy escaped fatal injuries. The carriage in which they were riding was blown into matchwood.

The viceroy will soon be able to leave the hospital for the vice regal lodge.

The bomb thrower has not yet been caught. A reward of 10,000 rupers, approximately $3,300, has been offered for his arrest.

An official report of the injuries to Baron Hardinge issued by the surgeons tonight says that a portion of the projectile struck him at the back of the right shoulder and along the inner border of the shoulder blade. It passed upwards and issued through the skin along the upper line of the shoulder, causing a wound four inches long and exposing the muscle and bone. There was no injury done the viceroy's lungs.

Other fragments of the bomb caused slight wounds on the neck. There was a moderate loss of blood, the shock was severe and some deafness was caused by the explosion. Baron Hardinge lost consciousness, but soon recovered and is now resting fairly comfortably.

Baron Hardinge was appointed viceroy to India last Summer to succeed the Earl of Minto, who was former Governor of Canada. Shortly after his appointment he was elevated to the peerage. He is 52 years old and a graduate of Cambridge. He entered the diplomatic service in 1881 and has remained in it continually until the present time. He served successively at Constantinople, Berlin, Washington, Bucharest, Teheran and St. Petersburg in diplomatic positions. In 1894, he was appointed ambassador to Russia and two years later was made under secretary of state for foreign affairs.

COLDER AT END OF WEEK.

Snow and Rain in North, Rain in South, Predicted.

Washington, Dec. 22.—General rains in the Southern States and snow and rain in the Northern States east of the Mississippi river and in the Southwest are predicted for this week by the Weather Bureau, as a result of disturbances now covering the Far Northwest and the Rio Grande Valley, which will move eastward to the Great Central valley Monday and the Eastern States Tuesday or Wednesday.

Another disturbance will appear in the Far West about Wednesday and move eastward, attended by snows in Northern and Middle States and preceded by rising temperature, crossing the Mississippi valley about Thursday and the Eastern States Friday or Saturday. This disturbance will be followed by a period of much colder weather over the greater part of the country east of the Rocky Mountains.

OUTLINES

The Viceroy of India and his wife had a narrow escape yesterday at Delhi from a bomb thrown by a fanatic.

The British schooners Cartagena and Georgiana, foundered in the recent West Indian storm, it was learned yesterday, and all on board, 23, were lost.

Senator Overman, who was operated upon Saturday for appendicitis, was getting along very satisfactory yesterday, according to his physicians, and his early recovery was expected.

President-elect Wilson spent most of yesterday with the State Board of Pardons, considering the application of 70 prisoners, upon whose cases he wished to pass before Christmas.

Cipriano Castro, former President and dictator of Venezuela, sailed from France yesterday for America, and State Department officials are exercised over what will be done with him.

Three officials of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad and the Grand Trunk Railway were jointly indicted by the Federal grand jury in New York yesterday under the anti-trust law.

Rebels under Gen. Pasqual Orozco, Jr., captured the important town of Casas Grandes, and a Federal force of 800 marching to engage the rebels was defeated at Ascension, Gen. Blanco being captured.

Turkey forced the real attack of the allies at the peace conference yesterday, and they made known the conditions they will try to force upon the Ottoman Empire. The Turkish delegates asked for adjournment till Saturday in order to consider the demand of the allies.

New York markets: Money on call steady, 4 3-4 to 6 per cent; ruling rate 4 3-4; closing bid 5 3-4; offered at 6. Spot cotton closed steady. Flour steady. Wheat firm; No. 2 red 1.08 and 1.09. Corn steady, 55. Turpentine and rosin quiet.

BIG RAILWAY MEN ARE ON THE COALS

New Haven and Grand Trunk Officials Indicted Under Sherman Law

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY

Proposed Southern New England Line Was Abandoned Because Officials Got Together and Fixed It, is Charge.

New York, Dec. 23.—Charles S. Mellen, president of the New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad; Edson J. Chamberlin, president of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, and Alfred W. Smithers, chairman of the board of directors of the Grand Trunk, were jointly indicted by the Federal grand jury in this city today under the Sherman anti-trust law.

The three men are charged with conspiring to restrain trade in connection with "aggrandizement" against the two roads, under which it is said, the Grand Trunk proposed to abandon the extension of its railroad lines to Providence, R. I., together with a projected steamship line between Providence and New York.

The penalty for the crime charged is one year in jail, a fine of $5,000 or both.

Mr. Mellen and Mr. Chamberlin upon being notified of the indictment promised the Federal authorities, through their counsel, that they would appear at 1 o'clock tomorrow to enter pleas.

Mr. Chamberlin, whose home is in Montreal, now is in New York and Mr. Mellen will come from New Haven. Mr. Smithers is a British subject and is said to be in London. Unless he voluntarily surrenders, extradition proceedings will be necessary to bring him within the jurisdiction of the court. It is believed by the Federal authorities, however, that he will sail for this country as soon as he hears that an indictment lies against him.

"But for the commission of the crime set forth," the Grand Trunk system, the indictment charges, would have actively competed with the New Haven system for the carriage of inter-State and foreign commerce.

At a "quiet meeting" between Mellen, Chamberlin and Smithers, in New York on August 5th, 1912, the indictment charges, the defendants first "engaged in an unlawful combination and conspiracy to prevent the construction and completion" of the proposed extension of the Grand Trunk Railway system in New England and the operation of the Grand Trunk steamships between Providence and New York. Two other meetings, it is believed, were held in New York September 20th and October 1st, 1912, to complete the alleged conspiracy.

Seven overt acts are set forth in the indictment. They include the meetings in New York and the exchange of two memoranda between Mellen and Chamberlin. One memorandum, arranged for interchange of traffic at certain points, joint use of certain lines, and set forth that the New Haven should "protect the Grank Trunk in every way in its power, in its present differential rates from New England points, and such new territory as it is proposed to open up to it hereby."

Another act alleged was that Chamberlin wrote to D. A. Dalrymple, vice president of the Grand Trunk, stating that he and Mr. Smithers had had a long and satisfactory interview with Mr. Mellen and that it was agreed that "Mr. Dalrymple and Mr. Campbell, vice president of the New Haven, should meet quietly at Mr. Mellen's office for the purpose of discussing new divisions on New England business and determining whether we could come to an agreement with that company something on the lines suggested by Mr. Mellen."

The sixth act charged that Mellen "caused to be withdrawn a petition theretofore filed by his direction, to the Public Service Commission of New Hampshire, asking authority to extend one of the New Haven lines paralleling and competing with a portion of the Central of Vermont.

The seventh was the alleged abandonment by "the defendant Chamberlin of the work of constructing the Southern New England line from Palmer to Providence."

The indictment recites that from May 22nd, 1912, until November 9th, 1912, there was expended on the line in the construction of steamships the sum of $2,000,000, and there has been incurred further obligations amounting to $2,000,000 more.

Will Follow Up Indictment

Washington, December 23.—Attorney General Wickersham will follow up the indictments of officials of the New York, New Haven & Hartford and Grand Trunk railroads with immediate consideration of the question whether civil suit should be instituted to restrain the two roads from pursuing their alleged combinations in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

This question hangs in the balance and the attorney general today indicated he would give it careful study after reviewing the evidence submitted to the grand jury at New York and after conference with Jesse Atkison, assistant attorney general, who has charge of the case.

Mr. Wickersham said the indictments reported the restrained judgment of the grand jury. Books of the companies did not give evidence of violation of the Sherman law, the attorney general indicated and it was with some doubt as to the result that the grand jury inquiry was undertaken. The indictments were due largely to the oral testimony of the numerous witnesses, which the attorney general said had developed more than he had anticipated.

SCHOONERS LOST; 23 MISSING

The Cartagena and Georgiana Foundered in Gulf of Mexico and All on Board Perished—Entire Family Drowned.

Mobile, Ala., December 23.—Advices from Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands, telling of the loss of the British schooner Georgiana, and the 15 persons on board, have strengthened the belief that the British schooner Cartega, with a crew of eight, has met a similar fate.

The Georgiana is reported to have capsized off Lucea, Jamaica, while trying to make that port in the recent West Indian storm. Captain Woods' family were among those who perished.

Reports from the Cartagena were last received on December 16th, when she sailed from Guantanamo for Mobile. Her course was in the path of the storm which was at its height on December 17th.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 23.—The British schooners Cartagena and Georgiana foundered in the Gulf of Mexico between the Cayman Island and Jamaica during the recent West Indian storm, according to definite advices received here today and all on board, 23 in number, were drowned.

The dead include the entire family of Capt. Woods, of the Georgiana. Until today no word has been received from either vessel since the middle of November.

Definite advices from Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands, says the Georgiana, with 15 persons aboard, capsized off Lucea, Jamaica, in trying to make that port during the storm. The Cartagena, with her master and four members of the crew, is given up as lost, not having been heard from since November 16th. Those who went down with the schooner Georgiana were Capt. Hyman Wood, Mrs. Hyman Wood and child, Miss Louisa Wood, W. R. Bodden, relatives in Mobile; Salisbury Eden, relatives in Mobile; Gladstone Bodden, ... Bodden, brother to above; Willie Bodden, Wilson Tibbetts, Thomas Scott, Jack Scott, N. Bodden, ... Smith, ... Green.

Lost with the Cartagena are Capt. E. Bert Scott, Mate Herbert Wood, Cayman Brac; crew of six, names unknown.

The Georgiana was a two-masted schooner; was trading among the West Indies for over 25 years and which had made regular visits to the various ports on the Gulf coast. She sailed from Montego Bay, Jamaica, on November 16th, for Cayman Crac, with a cargo of merchandise with 10 passengers and a crew of four men. The Cartagena also was a two-master, a regular trader between the West Indies and Gulf ports.

W .R. Bodden, who perished on the Georgiana, was one of the most prominent merchants at Georgetown, Grand Cayman.

TURKISH SHIPS MAKE SORTIE.

Destroyers Which Made Onslaught Quickly Retire.

Athens, Dec. 22.—The Governor of Tenedos in dispatches today reports that the Turkish battleship Torgut Reis, the cruiser Medjidish and three destroyers appeared at 11 o'clock this morning before the entrance of the Dardanelles. The warships remained under the protection of the forts; the destroyers advanced and fired 20 shells on Tenedos, where the Turkish inhabitants tried to hoist the Turkish flag, and put off in boats to welcome the warships.

The small force of Greek bluejackets on the island fired on the mutineers, killing three of them and wounding 12. The Turkish shells did no damage and the destroyers quickly retired into the Dardanelles.

The Greek squadron anchored off Lemnos was notified and steamed in pursuit of the enemy, headed by the admiral's flagship. The Governor of Tenedos has been ordered to institute martial law.

Admiral Countouriotis, in a dispatch to the government, expresses the opinion that the Turkish flagship Kheyr-ed-Barbarossa, together with the battleship Messedeih and Assar-I-Tewfik, must have been disabled in the last naval engagement, as otherwise they would have accompanied the fleet today, because the flagship and the Messudieh are the only Turkish warships armed with quick firers.

The war office has issued a report of successful operations before Janina, lasting three days. The Greeks beat off successive attacks and forced the Turks to retire all along the line. The report adds that reinforcements are being constantly sent forward to aid the Greeks in their campaign against Janina.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 23.—Announcement was made here today that the Tobacco products corporation organized in October under a Virginia charter with $50,000 capital, has bought the business of the Booker Tobacco Company here, getting possession January 1st. It is expected that the new company will continue to operate here.

CASAS GRANDES IS TAKEN BY REBELS

Important Town in Southwest Mexico Falls Before Pasqual Orozco, Jr.

GEN. BLANCO TAKEN PRISONER

The Federal Force of 800 Marching Against Rebels Defeated at Ascension—Blanco's Forces Entrapped—The Territory

El Paso, Texas, December 23.—Casas Grandes, the most important town in the ranching and lumbering district southwest of Juarez, has been taken by Mexican rebels, personally commanded by General Pasqual Orozco, Jr., it was reported today from Federal and rebel official sources.

A column of 800 men marching against the rebels at Ascension was defeated, it was announced.

The Federal commander, General Boise Blanco, was taken prisoner.

Confirming this report, S. D. Ambrose, an American hotel man of Columbus, N. M., arrived here today. He was in Ascension at the time of its capture last Wednesday and talked with General Salazar, whose forces took the town. While there a messenger arrived with a letter from the rebel leader, saying that he has taken Casas Grandes and defeated Blanco.

Blanco's force was entrapped, the official rebel report says, in a canyon north of Casas Grandes. Aside from capturing many rifles and much ammunition the rebels secured two cannons. The details of the battles are lacking, but Casas Grandes was taken easily, Orozco wrote, as the Federals left only 200 men to protect the town.

By taking Casas Grandes, the scene of the hard struggle in the Madero revolution in which the rebels were repulsed, the Orozco revolutionists control the Mexico Northwestern Railway, which runs between Juaraze, on the border, and Chihuahua City, the State capital.

The territory, tributary to the American railway, includes the Pearson syndicate's lumbering towns of Pearson and Madera and the Sapadro mining district, which is brought under rebel rule. The railway wires are not operating west from Chihuahua City nor below Juarez, and no railway confirmation of the reports could be received. The attack was made on old Casas Grandes, the largest town in the district. The railway offices and American homes are at the new town some miles away, and it is believed that no foreigners were injured.

After taking Ascension last week, 14 Federal prisoners, including a captain, were executed in the public plaza, refugees reported today. Major L. C. Quintros, the Ascension Federal commander, who escaped, has arrived at the New Mexico border with one soldier as companion. He is held by United States troops below Hachita.

PLANS FOR INAUGURATION.

Committeemen Will be Selected Regardless of Political Faiths.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Politics will have small place in the personnel of the committee which will have charge of the arrangements attending the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as President.

This has been settled and the wisdom and experience of men who have handled inaugurations in the past will be called upon, irrespective of politics.

The names of those who will be expected to take care of the multiplicity of details will be named today and the chairman of the twenty-six committees which will shoulder the burden, will be selected by the chairman, William C. Eustis.

At a meeting of the committee yesterday it was decided to ask Congress again to grant permission for the use of the Pension building. It also was decided to ask Congress for permission to quarter visiting troops in the halls of public buildings. This permission was refused four years ago.

The finance committee reports that thehre will be plenty of money forthcoming with which to meet the expenses and a larger crowd than ever has attended an inauguration is expected.

NEGRO LYNCHED.

Sheriff Found Him Hanging From Telegraph Pole Near Jail.

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 23.—When Sheriff Parker went to the court house of West Baton Rouge this morning, he found the body of Borm Cadore, a negro, swinging from a telegraph pole a short distance from the jail. Cadore had been convicted of killing James Norman, a plantation manager, about three weeks ago.

Cadore's attorney had taken steps to file a motion for an appeal. No details of the lynching are known here.

New York, Dec. 23.—By defeating Columbia 2 1-2 to 1 1-2 today in the 21st annual intercollegiate chess tournament, Harvard made a long stride toward ultimate victory. Yale, which yesterday lost to Harvard, today defeated Princeton three to one. Play in the third round tomorrow will find Columbia paired against Yale and Harvard against Princeton.

..Theatrical..

In spite of the weather and the nearness of Christmas the Four Pickerts made a splendid opening last night at the Academy of Music, inaugurating their annual engagement at popular prices. "St. Elmo" was given a fine revival and thoroughly pleased the audiences. All the old favorites, Misses Blanche, Lillian and Grace Pickert, and Messrs. Cleary and Dobson, were recognized in the cast and given a most gracious greeting. The specialties were all good, and the up-to-date bright vaudeville with the Pickert show is always one of the big features. In the specialty line last night Erlau Wilcox was one of the stars.

The Pickerts will hold the boards for the rest of the week and will prove a big Christmas week attraction. Tonight the noted play, "Jane Eyre", in which Eugenie Blair was seen in the South, will be presented, and it is one of the company's best bills. On account of being Christmas Eve and in order that all ladies may see this splendid play again tonight will ladies be admitted free, under the usual conditions; that is, every lady accompanied by the holder of a paid 30-cent ticket will be admitted free, if the ticket is purchased at Plummer's by 6 o'clock this afternoon.

Tomorrow the company will be seen at special Christmas matinee, when the big success, "Robinson Crusoe", will be offered. Tomorrow night—Christmas night—a rousing farce comedy, "The Hotel Upside Down", will be the bill.

Big "Prince of Pilsen."

Music lovers will be delighted to welcome the popular musical comedy "The Prince of Pilsen" when it is presented at the Academy of Music next Monday night.

"The Prince of Pilsen" is always a favorite. The fame of its melodies are now world-wide. The music publishers report over a million copies including "The Song of the Sea Shell", "Heidelberg", "Keep It Dark", "The Song of the Cities" and "The Message of the Violets."

After the first two years of uninterrupted success in this country, nearly a year of which was taken up with the remarkable and memorable run at the Broadway Theatre, New York, the popular work was sent to London for a run of the Shaftsbury Theatre. Since then it has continued to be as great a favorite with the English public as it is on this side of the ocean. It has had two seasons in South Africa, and was also produced successfully in Germany, France and Australia.

The members of the present organization have been chosen with the single idea of providing the best performances possible. Jess Dandy, a comedian of distinctly individual methods, will again be seen as Hans Wagner, the German brewer, and it is the consensus of critical opinion that his impersonation is a masterpiece of comic characterization. Lottie Kendall, the well known prima donna, is the wily and roguish widow to whom the jolly brewer finally capitulates. The Edith, a sweet role calling for a fine coloratura voice is delightfully played and sung by Mary E. Murray, an accomplished singer. The public will find in Arthur Hull, the new Prince of Pilsen, an excellent singer and an actor of the force. Campbell Duncan will sing the part of Lord Somerset, and Bobby Woolsey will be seen as the nimble French waiter Francois, while Norma Browne is the pert little French ladys maid. Together they do a whirlwind dance that is full of dashing abandon and grotesque agility. The city girls, sea shell girls, bathing and golf girls, together with the Heidelberg students in the famous "Stien" song, make one of the handsomest and best singing choruses on the American musical comedy stage.

At The Bijou

Of course, the weather yesterday kept some folks away from The Bijou—it would be a bold, fearless press agent who would contend otherwise in the teeth of yesterday's ugly weather—but at that The Bijou did big business. It is well to note that no matter how disagreeable the elements act, The Bijou is always comfortable. It is ever warm and cozy at this theatre.

Today The Bijou will keep up its holiday pace, and will again offer a gala bill. The film portion will be headed by one of the sweetest and greatest of dramatic films "Her Grandchild," in which the favorite actor,

Mr. Maurice Costello, will appear in the stellar role. Another powerful dramatic on today is "The Plot That Failed." It tells in vivid manner of an invention by a young workman and the desperate chances a rich manufacturer takes to possess the secret. "Driver of the Deadwood Coach" is another fine dramatic that will strike fire. The Bijou, besides this swell film offering, will afford a chance to hear the latest and merriest of musical compositions today.

Christmas Eve at the Grand.

It will be one glorious bill at the Grand Theatre today and the house will be comfortable and warm and most inviting in spite of the weather on the outside. A feature for today will be Echoes March by Chas. B. Brown and it will be rendered by the Grand's superb orchestra, while Mr. Chick will sing by special request "Keep Away From the Fellow Who Owns an Automobile." Everybody is invited to join the chorus.

In the "moveys" there will be a big double Kalem, "The Mummy and the Cowpunchers", and "Strange Places and Quaint People in New York." This will be educational, entertaining and instructive. The first named is a story of theatrical comedy and is rich in humor and good cheer.

The other feature is "Opitrah", which is Apache for sweetheart. It is a charming Indian love story and will be sure to please. In addition there will be another film and all told the bill will be just the best yet.

AS TO TELEPHONE CALLS

Official Talks As to Recent Changes in Party Line Service

Some discussion has been occasioned among telephone subscribers at Wilmington by reason of the recent change in the party line system, which necessitated the changing of a large number of telephone numbers and caused the letter suffix "J" or "W" to be added to all party line telephone numbers.

In discussing this matter, an official of the Southern Bell Company stated that he believed there would not be the slightest objection to this change on the part of subscribers if they fully understood the necessity and appreciated the fact that it was a progressive movement on the part of the telephone company. He explained that a similar change in the party line systems in Charleston, S. C., Augusta, Ga., and Birmingham, Ala., had recently been made, and there was evident satisfaction among subscribers at these points. He declared the change in Wilmington was for the good of the service and enabled the telephone company to better handle its growing business and also place the party line system here on the same basis with the party line systems in other large cities in the country.

According to this official the change will enable the telephone company to handle its party line service more satisfactorily, and the results will be of benefit to telephone users. It seems that heretofore the party line system in Wilmington has been handled on the "jack-per-station" basis, this method having been inaugurated when the exchange was small and before the telephone industry had reached its present state of perfection. In recent years it developed that the "jack-per-line" method was more efficient, and numerous experiments in various cities by the Bell company caused it to determine to place the party line systems in all larger cities on this basis.

This is what has been done in Wilmington, and the change of many telephone numbers and the addition of the letter "J" or "W" to all party line telephone numbers was essential.

The designation of each party on a line by a letter service the same end for operating purposes as though each party had a different number; and in addition to this, promptly identifies and distinguishes the party line telephone from the straight line telephone.

While there has been some objection on the part of those whose numbers were changed, on the ground that they had become familiar with certain numbers and now were forced to look in the directory in order to find the proper number, telephone officials declare that the service of the entire community would be improved if every subscriber looked in the directory before making a call, because at the present time a great many of the wrong numbers are due to subscribers calling from memory and, as a result, asking for a different number from that which they wish.

It is also pointed out by telephone officials that, should the old number of a subscriber whose number has been changed, be called, the call would not be lost because it would be referred to "Information," who would immediately give the calling party the new number. It seems that every precaution has been taken by the telephone company to prevent subscribers whose numbers have been changed from losing any of their calls.

In every exchange it is frequently necessary for various reasons, to change the numbers of telephones, and the telephone company has been able to demonstrate that such changes do not seriously inconvenience telephone subscribers. This is brought out in the instructions to subscribers printed in each directory, it being stated that the telephone number is the property of the telephone company and is liable to be changed at any time for the good of the service or to meet improvements and progress in the state of the art.

The telephone company is inclined to believe that those who are objecting to the recent improvements in the party line system will be entirely satisfied and pleased with the new arrangement when they fully understand the necessity for it and appreciate the fact that it was done with a view to placing the service in Wilmington on a uniform basis with the systems in other large cities. It will result in increasing the efficiency of the service if subscribers will co-operate by consulting their directories before making calls and by always giving the operator the letter suffix when calling for party line numbers.

Beach Car and Auto Collide

An automobile owned by Mr. E. C. Holt and driven by Kit McIntire, colored, the only occupant, and suburban car No. 53, collided at Third and Princess streets yesterday afternoon at 1:05 o'clock. The suburban car was bound for the beach and the automobile was crossing Princess street going north. The headlight and the fender of the beach car were broken, while the front part of the automobile was broken up considerably. The negro remained in the automobile and was unhurt.

Purchased Tract of Land

Through the real estate agency of D. R. Foster & Co., Messrs. George Honnet, Jr., and Adair McKoy purchased from Mr. Nathan Schloss 57 acres of land three miles south of the city, lying between the Federal Point road and the river. The consideration was not given out. It is stated that the purchasers have not yet made any definite plans as to what they will do with the property.

WANT TO BUY FRANCHISE.

Little Rock Will Offer $15,000 for Montgomery Franchise.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 23.—Little Rock business men and baseball enthusiasts, at a mass meeting today, authorized President W. M. Kavanaugh, of the Southern League, to offer $15,000 for the league franchise held by Richard Tillis, of Montgomery.

Assurances have been given by the other clubs in the league that the transfer of the Montgomery franchise to Little Rock would be agreeable.

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Mix one pint of granulated sugar with ½ pint of warm water, and stir 2 minutes. Put 2½ ounces of Pinex (fifty cents' worth) in a pint bottle, and add the Sugar Syrup. This keeps perfectly and has a pleasant taste—children like it. Braces up the appetite and is slightly laxative, which helps end a cough.

You probably know the medical value of pine in treating asthma, bronchitis and other throat troubles, sore lungs, etc. There is nothing better. Pinex is the most valuable concentrated compound of Norway white pine extract, rich in guaiacol and all the natural healing pine elements. Other preparations will not work in this formula.

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OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the Close of Business November 26th, 1912.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	$1,326,202.83
U. S. Bonks (at par)	551,000.00
Bank Building	73,000.00
Bonds and Other Securities	147,717.50
Cash and Due by Banks	1,459,710.18
	$6,557,630.51

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	$ 825,000.00
Surplus and Net Profits	527,843.13
Circulation	550,000.00
Special Deposit, U. S. Bonds	100,000.00
Deposits	4,554,787.38
	$6,557,630.51

DEPOSITS:

November 26th, 1908	$2,971,810.82
November 26th, 1910	4,114,960.07
November 26th, 1912	4,554,787.38

H. C. McQUEEN . . . President
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JACKSONVILLE SCHOOL CLOSING.

News of Interest in the Onslow Capital—Personal and Otherwise.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Jacksonville, N. C., Dec. 23.—The Jacksonville State High School closed last Friday evening for the Christmas holidays. The feature of the closing was a public debate given by the boys of the High School debating club. The query was: "Resolved, That the Initiative, Referendum and Recall Are Desirable Instruments for the Safeguarding of Democratic Rights." The affirmative was represented by Messrs. Roy J. Morton and John C. Brown; while Messrs. Willie M. Hemby and Adrian E. Ketchum upheld the negative.

The debate was spirited and of good tone. The respective sides were very closely matched, and the decision of the judges was to the effect that the affirmative had won the debate, but that Mr. Ketchum, of the negative, had made the best argument.

The term of school just closed has been very successful. Friday night, before the debate, Prof. E. J. Wellons made some remarks relative to the growth and activities of the school. The school began with five teachers; but the work required an additional teacher, who was added to the force early in the session. Besides the text book work done, Mr. Wellons explained that efforts were successfully made along other lines. The literary society work is emphasized as much as conditions will permit, and the closing debate indicated that some very successful work is being done along that line. Then, both boys and girls are encouraged to take a lively interest in athletics.

The force of teachers consists of the following: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wellons and Misses Etta Freeman, Leah Franck, Kate Brown and Jessie Blanchard. Miss Blanchard's work is with the pupils in music.

From present appearances, Christmast will be lively for Onslow people, especially the small boys and girls. A great abundance of Santa Claus supplies is being dispensed by the Jacksonville merchants. The large number of purchasers and the large purchases is an index to the prosperity of the Onslow farmers.

The young people of the place have some accessions to their numbers for the holidays. The students who have returned home are Misses Louise Thompson, of the Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, and Sybil Cox, of the Greensboro Female College, Greensboro; and Messrs. Tom Gilman and Frank Sabistan, of the University, Chapel Hill, and Fuller Henderson, of Oak Ridge Institute.

Misses Annie and Alma Petteway, who have been teaching in Pender county, are here to spend the holidays. They were preceded by Mr. Bernard Petteway, of Wilmington, who arrived early last week.

Mr. Cyrus Thompson, Jr., arrived from Raleigh Thursday. He will spend some time here with home folks and friends.

The special civil term of court, which Judge Carter has been holding here for the past week, adjourned Friday, for the holidays. Court will be re-convened on Monday after Christmas. It is hoped that the congestion of the civil docket will be much relieved when these terms of court have finished their work.

HOLIDAYS AT KINSTON.

Fire Threatened Home—Colored Boy Shot—Charity Work Xmas.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 23.—Fire probably originating from a spark falling on the roof, threatened for a time one of Kinston's finest old homes, that of Mrs. Jno. F. Wooten, at the east end of King street. Prompt service by firemen and citizens saved the dwelling, and only about $100 damage was entailed.

Some excitement was caused on East street when a negro woman, much distressed and weeping copiously, informed inquiring white residents that a boy had shot one of her children, a small fellow, "blowing half his head off." In her distraction the mother had over-calculated the extent of the boy's injuries, and it developed that an airgun was the weapon with which his hurt was inflicted, a single shot breaking the skin of his forehead and a glance at the gore being sufficient to convince the doting parent that the child was killed.

Many citizens yesterday afternoon attended a mass meeting of the United Charities to discuss Christmas benevolence in Kinston. The meeting was held in the court house, and was addressed by leaders of the charity work here. Although probably less want exists than ever before in the city at this season, a far larger sum will be extended in its alleviation. The United Charities will conduct the distribution of supplies and money. On Saturday night a local motion picture show annexed a Red Cross stamp to every one of the hundreds of tickets sold by it, a rather novel way of aiding the local commission in the sale of stamps and one creditable to the management.

FATHER SHOOTS SON

General Family Fight Among Robeson Croatans

Lumberton, Dec. 22.—A telephone message received tonight from Pembroke, tells of a shooting affair that occurred at Mossneck, three miles from here, this afternoon in which Archie Maynor, a Croatan, shot and dangerously wounded his son, a young fellow about 21 years old.

Accounts of the affair are hard to get but it is said that it was a general family fight in which eight or ten persons were engaged.

The wounded man was hurried to Pembroke where he received medical attention but the physicians do not hold out much hope for his recovery.

Sheriff Lewis as soon as he was notified of the shooting left at once for Mossneck to investigate and make the necessary arrests.

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look with horror on Skin Eruptions, Blotches, Sores or Pimples. They don't have them, nor will any one, who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It glorifies the face. Eczema and salt rheum vanish before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands, chilblains; heals burns, cuts and bruises. Unequaled for piles. Only 25c at R. R. Bellamy.
(Advertisement.)

BASEBALL AT DURHAM

Bull City Looking About for Manager—Other News Notes

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Durham, N. C., December 21.—The charter of the Durham Athletic Association, which is to own the Durham franchise, was received yesterday, and the following men were the incorporators: Messrs. L. B. Markham, R. H. Sykes, M. E. Newsom, S. C. Chambers, W. G. Bramham, D. T. Sasser, H. E. White, T. C Worth, W J. Brogden and J. H. Southgate.

Durham has never had professional baseball, and the fans of the city are very anxious to get into the game right and are looking around for a competent manager of the team. Many bids have already been received from men prominent in the baseball world for the job, but the place has not been definitely promised to any one yet. The man the Durham fans had in view for the place was Dr. Merl T. Atkins, of the Baltimore Orioles, and it was thought for a while that he would accept the job. Now, however, it is learned that he cannot afford to train Durham's team for the amount Durham would be able to pay him. He will be in Durham training Trinity's team during the Spring, and will doubtless help the Durham team considerably although he will not be official coach.

Mr. Edwin Mullaney, of Norfolk, who has done some efficient work in the Virginia League, was in the city yesterday and conferred with many of the fans of the city in regard to the position of coach of the Durham team. Mr. Bramham has a number of other applications from prominent baseball men, but has not yet given a definite answer to any of them.

Mr. D. H. Wilcox, secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., tendered an oyster supper to the Y. M. C. A. basketball squad last night. The supper was served in the reception room of the Y. M. C. A. building. The supper was excellently prepared and the boys enjoyed the occasion very much.

Those who enjoyed Mr. Wilcox's hospitality were Messrs. J. E. Brinn, Malcom Cheatham, W. B. Kelly, Lynne Holcombe, Fred Mangum, B. D. Ashlin, Buck Karnes, Bob Murray, Clay, Leo Mangum and Roy Watkins, team mascot.

The young men of the city were hosts at a dance given at the Lochmoor Hotel last night in honor of the young ladies of the city, who are returning home from schools in various parts of this and other States, this being the first of the holiday social activities. The dance was held in the dining room of the hotel, and the excellence of the floor, the charm of the room, and the beauty of the appointments had not a small part in making it one of the most delightful dances of the season.

MR. L. G. DICK DEAD

Member of Prominent Greensboro Family Passes In Lynchburg

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lynchburg, Va., December 23.—Leslie G. Dick, aged about 53, member of a prominent Greensboro family, died here last night suddenly of appoplexy. He was for 20 years connected with the Geo. D. Witt Shoe Co., but retired from business 18 months ago. His body will be taken to Greensboro for burial.

Foils a Foul Plot.

When a shameful plot exists between liver and bowels to cause distress by refusing to act, take Dr. King's New Life Pills, and end such abuse of your system. They gently compel right action of stomach, liver and bowels, and restore your health and all good feelings. 25c at R. R. Bellamy.
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OVER 40 PEOPLE INJURED

Four Fatally In Collapse of School Building at Elkin

Elkin, N. C., Dec. 22.—During progress of a school entertainment at Jonesville, Yadkin county, one mile from Elkin, Saturday night, the second floor of the building in which the exercises were being held collapsed carrying down with it fully 200 people who were in the building.

More than 40 people were injured some of them sustaining broken ribs, others broken arms and legs. Four people were seriously injured and may die.

The room was heated by a stove and this was red hot and went down in the crash. Fortunately it did not turn over and some men nearest to it picked it up and threw it out of the window. Had the stove been overturned and the building set on fire the loss of life would have been frightful.

The women and children in the audience were thrown into a panic and it was sometime before they could all be gotten safely out from among the collapsed timbers.

The building is a small two-story structure and it is thought that on account of the crowded condition of the hall the timbers could not stand the strain of the load and gave way.

A number of people who went down in the crash were not injured and helped get those out who were caught and pinioned under the mass of wreckage.

You will find many fancy articles for Christmas presents at C. H. Fore & Co. (Advertisement.)

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TONIGHT.
"JANE EYRE."
10—20—30 Cents.
Ladies Free Again Tonight.
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MATINEE.
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION.

To All to Whom These Presents May Come, Greeting:

Whereas, It appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Holland Stock Farm Company, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated in the city of Wilmington, County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina (Hugh MacRae being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 21, Revisal of 1905, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution;

Now, Therefore, I, J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 30th day of November, 1912, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Raleigh, this 30th day of November, A. D. 1912. J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of C. E. Goodwin, deceased, late of New Hanover county, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned in Wilmington, North Carolina, on or before the 10th day of December, 1913, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This Dec. 7th, 1912.
A. M. BALDWIN,
Administrator of C. E. Goodwin, Deceased.
de8,17,24,31;ja7,14-6t

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Now, Therefore, I, J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 2nd day of December, 1912, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Raleigh, this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1912. J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State.
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Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective September 8th, 1912. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
N. 90, ! 3:40 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 12:35 P. M. and Richmond 1:10 P. M.	No. 91, a 1:00 A. M.
No. 51, * 5:35 A. M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars Between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50, *12:30 A. M.
No. 64, ! 5:50 A. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No 65, ! 6:25 P. M.
No. 48, * 8:30 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York Trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49, * 6:15 P. M.
No. 53, * 8:45 A. M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford	No. 52, * 8:05 P. M.
No. 55, * 3:15 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway (!), Florence, Charleston, Savannah, All Florida Points, Columbia, Asheville and the West. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.	No. 54, * 1:40 P. M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P.M.
N. 59, ! 6:30 P. M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate Stations.	No. 60, !10:15 A. M.
No. 42, * 7:00 P. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman and Dining Car Service. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41, *10:00 A. M.
No. 57, ! 7:30 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate Stations.	No.58, ! 8:15 A. M.

* Daily. ! Daily except Sunday. a Daily except Monday.

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In Effect October 29, 1912.

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EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for Winter Park	EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville	EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for The Beach	WEST BOUND. Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	WEST BOUND. Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	WEST BOUND. Leave The Beach for Wilmington
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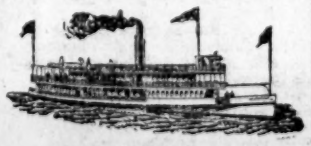

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Schedule in Effect Thursday, Sept. 5, 1912.

P. M.		A. M.
3:15	Lv. . . . Wilmington	Ar. 8:15
4:05	" . . . Town Creek	" 7:20
4:20	" . . . . Bolivia	" 7:05
4:55	Ar. . . . Southport	Lv. 6:30

Mixed train operated daily except Sunday Leaving Navasso at 8:30 A. M., arriving Southport 10:35 A. M. Leaving Southport 11:20 A. M., arriving Navassa, 1:15 P. M.

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Lv. Durham	7:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Lv. Lynchburg	2:40 p.m.	2:50 a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:30 a.m.	6:25 p.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
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WILMINGTON STAR COMPANY, INC.
Wilmington, N. C.

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Tuesday, December 24, 1912.

The very latest is that tomorrow is Christmas.

In some particulars the censorors ought to be censored.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan says he likes competition but it must be said that he certainly can afford it.

If you will go out in the suburbs with a pocketfull of money you will realize what it is to be considered a real Santa Claus.

We may as well say that Miss Helen Gould is soon to be happily married. She is to be married to an American who knows a splendid woman when he sees one.

It is announced that Gaby Deslys is going to tour Canada. The season is not stated, but joudging from the few clothes worn by the Parisian danseuse, her appearance is to be made next Summer.

It should be stated that right looks right when Congress refuses to seat either a Republican or a Democrat who was elected to a seat in Congress by corrupting the voters. Turn the rascals out.

The Republican party will try to get together at a banquet to be given in New York on the 6th of January. A feast at this time is quite appropriate, since the party evidently realizes that it is in the soup.

The South Carolinian who wanted to find out what State politician would handle Federal patronage in his State, evidently was on the right track. It seems that personal appeals and letters will receive very little attention.

Christmas tragedies are caused by those who misconceive the spirit of the season. Some people seize it as an opportunity for orgies instead of an occasion of rejoicing and the offering of good will and the doing of kind deeds.

It is said that Bulgaria's National poet has written an ode in which he expresses his country's appreciation of Col. Roosevelt's sympathy with the Bulgarians. We have not seen it, but we imagine it is like setting off all the fireworks at one time.

It is said that duels have about played out in Cuba. It is quite time that they were. Two gentlemen never had a difference that their mutual friends could not adjust, hence a duel is either unnecessary or perfectly absurd. Dueling is a relic of barbarism and cannot be recognized in modern society.

The suffrage pilgrims who left New York afoot for Albany became suffering pilgrims before the hike was ended. Snow and slush knocked out the sisters and only four managed to complete the journey. They were footsore, and no doubt many of them will be sick on account of what looks very much like "a fool's errand."

A newspaper is supposed to represent the sober sense of the community but not to represent the chronic kickers. Those who have a reasonable complaint to make can always be heard through The Star, but many expect us to say things upon their complaint when we have no other authority for the complaint to be made. When we know the facts and can defend our position we do not mind assuming responsibility, but those who do know the facts and desire to make complaint without assuming authority have no right to expect us to voice their complaint.

POPULARIZING HOME-MADE GOODS

The Star has often urged the patronage or home enterprises as one of the means of encouraging manufacturing in Wilmington. It is not alone a question of inducing a manufacturer to come here, but the main point is to see that his industry is successful when he establishes his factory in our midst. We can do that by patronizing him ourselves, recommending him and his goods to others, and in every way aiding morally and financially, according to his merits.

J. Pierpont Morgan, the great financier, said the other day before the Senate Committee investigating the so-called money trust, that a man's financial standing was not the basis of his credit. He declared that character and ability more than wealth entitle a man to financial recognition, and he mentioned as an instance that he had loaned a million dollars to a man who did not have a cent. The fact is, a man who has character and honesty may have a proposition that is more entitled to financial encouragement than the proposition of many a man who is quoted in Bradstreet's and Dun's as in every way financially responsible. We have no doubt there are in Wilmington today some men who probably have little or no credit but who have either ideas or small enterprises that are well worth a line of credit. Collateral may be lacking, but the possibilities may really be worth more than collateral. It is the man of character who has a good prespect that should be helped, and if that were done many a small idustry in a city could be made a big one.

We know of an industry started in Wilmington on a small scale but the proportions of which would now surprise any person interested in the industrial development of the city. Whether the industry has had all the encouragement it deserved or not, we don't know, but we know of one Wilmington enterprise that patronizes another to the extent of $10,000 to $12,000 a year. That is one home enterprise patronizing another, and where it can be a mutual transaction it is all the better. However, if it be only a one-sided affair it is all right, for there is bound to be an indirect benefit one way or another. Not alone is the patronage of home enterprises of local significance, but the success achieved may be of far-reaching influence. For instance, the Atlanta Constitution remarks:

"Commending a recent editorial in which The Constitution argued that patronizing home industries would aid the South in preparing for the Panama canal, S. Valdes, a manufacturer of this city, declared that few Atlantans realized the wide range covered by home-made goods. He suggested that if a pamphlet descriptive of goods manufactured in this territory were widely circulated among consumers, the effect would be salutary. In a general sense, his premise is a correct one. It is true that the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association and the Chamber of Commerce have conducted and are now conducting aggressive campaigns in behalf of domestic industries. Results have followed, as is evidenced by the steady increase of factories locally and an increased demand for their products. It is equally true, as Mr. Valdes states, that many Atlantans and Georgians are not cognizant of the number and variety of articles they can buy from home manufacturers, while many others are not lacking in knowledge but still do homage to the fetich of the foreign label.

"In the last analysis, the process of developing home markets resolves itself simply into a matter of education. If a 'prophet is not without honor save in his own country' many home-made artticles are not without buyers save in the territory in which they are manufactured for much the same reason—the glitter of the thing from abroad. This tendency may be combatted by the pamphlet method, as suggested by Mr. Valdes, and also by every other form of recognized publicity.

"The permanent manufacturers' exposition, as tried with success in Chattanooga, Nashville and other cities, and as contemplated in Atlanta, is a step in the right direction. Even the most skeptical consumer cannot see home-made articles displayed day in and day out the year round without gradualily becoming converted to its worth. Another line of action lies in reasoning with those home manufacturers who, in several instances, complicate matters by hiding their goods under a foreign label. There is more of this practice in the Atlanta territory than the average citizen imagines. Persistence and ingenuity, printer's ink and well-invested money are indispensable to the eventual success of a campaign aimed at popularizing home industries. Material progress is being made. But the greater conquests of the home label are yet to be recorded."

All that is said is valuable, but the pamphlet is not the most effective publicity that can be given to home enterprises. We do not say so because we happen to be in the newspaper business, but one of the reasons that home enterprises are not patronized more is because they are not advertised sufficiently. We believe in giving home enterprises the preference, but when we do not know we have enterprises that we can patronize, what are we to do? The $10,000 to $12,000 a year spent by one Wilmington enterprise for the products of another is the result of accident more than anything else. Thousands of dollars were sent away for product that was being turned out at home cheaper than it was abroad. Not only was there a saving in buying on the local market, but the goods were better, while the saving in freight alone amounted to a profit on an investment of many thousands of dollars.

PROGRESSIVE NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans is to have a commission form of government and it probably is one of the largest cities in the country to revolutionize its system of government. Quite naturally, one of the problems to be solved in this radical change in a city of nearly 350,000 population is the manner of handling the public utilities, of which there are many of greater consequence than are to be found in smaller cities.

Nevertheless, New Orleans is going right ahead with the determination to manage her affairs without so much politics. Fortunately, or unfortunately, we don't know which, the splendid public water terminals of the port are in the hands of a State dock commission, so that will be some relief to the city commission. However, New Orleans owns an extensive belt line of railroad conecting the water terminals and the railroads. There has been some apprehension about the safety of so extensive a utility in the hands of one commissioner, but it turns out that the management is to be in the hands of a Belt Railroad Commission instead of a single official. When interests and responsibility are great, many fear the idea of one-man management, or one-man power, and that is really the trouble about the commission form. In the concentration of power into the hands of one man, he has to be conspicuously capable or else he will soon demonstrate the folly of the commission plan.

On the other hand, there is as much danger in cumbersome bodies and commissions, and after all it is a matter of men instead of the form of government that a city should have. The people are determined to have less politics made of the management of their cities, and those which are conducted along good business lines will not find much of a clamor for a change in their form of government.

COMMERCE IS GROWING

The fact that Wilmington's commerce continues to grow, and that both the quantity and variety of exports and imports are on the increase, shows that Wilmington is only keeping pace with the balance of the country. From all over the continent comes reports of increased commercial activity and it is gratifying that Wilmington is one of the ports which are making notable gains.

The annual report of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce conveys striking evidence of the prosperity of the United States. The largest crops in the history of the country have been produced, and the export business of the country is the largest in its history. Talk of a panic under such conditions is nonsense, and President Wilson rightly says it could only be artificial and therefore malicious.

The report of the bureau states that there has been a marked increase in both export and import trade during the year now ending, and that the increase has grown steadily month by month up to December. The report shows that in November the United States did more business with the world, both as a seller and as a buyer than during any month in the history of the nation.

The total imports for the 11 months up to December 1st have been $1,664,309,000, as against $1,391,684,000 for 11 months in 1911. The exports for the past 11 months have been $2,148,000,000, compared with $1,867,000,000 during 11 months in 1911. This shows a good balance of trade in our favor, but it must be remembered that it is in exchange of trade that prosperity lies, and that large imports show our buying ability, while it also means revenue for the government.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Internal revenue reports indicate that some corn raisers still believe they have a right to convert their corn into whiskey for their own consumption—and possibly for their neighbors' consumption. For some reason Commissioner Cabell names Georgia first in his list of States where the moonshiner flourishes. It is not possible that the sudden boom in corn growing in Georgia can have produced this effect.—Savannah News.

The same influence that led to a revolt against Republicans and Democratic bosses will lead to a revolt against Progressive bosses. That is human nature. Like causes produce like effects. But is it not strange that there should be need for a house-cleaning at this early stage of the new party's career? The problem is complicated by the fact that Perkins and Flinn have both been underwritten by the great chieftain of the Armageddon army.—Indianapolis News.

One Bull Moose at least has discovered that the wicked old days of machine politics were days of comparative freedom of speech and opinion. Mr. Gardner, a member of the Progressive State Committee and a representative of the 13th Assembly District in the Kings County Progressive Committee, has learned that the "rule of the people" does not mean the right of personal judgment about Bull Moose hierarchs. He has been expelled from the county committee for criticising Mr. Hotchkiss and opposing the selection of Mr. Roosevelt's nephew for the State chairmanship.—New York Tribune.

How has the mighty fallen! The government has decreed that the lordly buffalo is just plain beef. A herd of seven buffalo met death in a Kansas City packing house a few days ago when this decree was published, and the fine buffalo steaks disappeared, probably into a tin can labeled "chipped beef." So the buffalo is getting back into trade. There are but very few herds left of this great animal that in former years moved over the plains by millions, and for years buffalo meat has been a rarity. Now that it has degenerated into just ordinary beef there is no reason for any further poetic raptures about the former Lord of the Plains.—Savannah News.

COUNTY PROVING GROUNDS.

(Communicated.)

The Market street bridge has for long served as the proving grounds for small arms, and, from the quantity of ordnance expended at one fusillade of the U. M. C. product, one would infer that the county of New Hanover is paying the tribute.

The Society of the Heights has no law and order league for self protection but suffer the effects of a series of fusillades at dead of night that jars and startles them out of the sweets of tired nature's restorer—balmy sleep at midnight. The U. S. Government maintains a test station for heavy ordnance at Sandy Hook, N. Y., yet such detonations are tame to that of a midnight fusillade at Market street bridge.

What will Yuletide's dreams of savories as sensed in slumber's folds to be thus startled, causing us to quit the feast amazed. 'Tis enough to harrow up our very souls. WEARY.

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STEAMSHIP COMBINATIONS

Consolidations Dominate Transportation, Says Commissioner

Washington, December 23.—Railroad companies and steamship combinations control the regular steamship lines of the United States and have destroyed competition on many of the water highways of commerce, declares Luther Conant, Jr., Commissioner of Corporations, in a report to President Taft today.

The revelations of the report, based upon an extensive investigation, force upon the Federal government, says the commissioner, the consideration of further regulation of joint rail and water traffic.

In practically all the coast waters of the country, it is declared, railroad or steamship consolidations dominate water transportation. Their control of both through passenger and package-freight trade is especially striking, says Commissioner Conant, on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and on the Great Lakes. Water lines along the Eastern seaboard, he adds, have become to a large extent auxiliaries or subsidiaries of railroads. While competition exists in greater measure on the Pacific coast, the commissioner points out important instances of railroad control there.

It is a striking fact, says Commissioner Conant, that between a number of the more important ports on the Atlantic and Gulf coast there is only a single regular service.

Boston, Mass., December 23.—The abandoned and waterlogged schooner, Henry R. Tilton, arrived off Cape Cod today in tow of the steam trawler Swell, which picked up the derelict at sea. The fate of the crew of the Tilton is in doubt. They may have been rescued by some passing vessel. The Tilton was bound from Windsor, N. S., to New York, lumber laden.

Special Music at The Grand

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are one of the most important presents, and you are beginning to think very seriously of presents, aren't you? It is time you not only thought but bought those Christmas gifts you know will delight the recipient. Our stock of boots, shoes and slippers is for your special inspection, and we invite your most critical examination. When given as presents they should be perfect—in styles, leathers, fit and comfort.

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Before the Best things are All Sold.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS:

Brass and Leather Goods, Cut Glass, Pictures and Frames, Juvenile Books, Gift Books, Fountain Pens, Christmas and New Year Cards, Kodaks, Book Cases, Desks.

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ENGINE GASOLINE
PERFECT FUEL FOR ALL GASOLINE ENGINES
MORE POWER
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DROP US A CARD If you operate a Gasoline Engine and we will show you how to Save Money on your Fuel bill.
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Kerosene, Gasoline and Lubricating Oils.

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New Arrivals in Exclusive Millinery and Corsage Bouquets. Also a line of beautiful Neckwear and Holiday Handkerchiefs. Hosiery. C.-B. and Regaliste Corsets. Japanese Ware in many choice novelties for Christmas Holidays.

110 NORTH FRONT STREET.

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For the Wife:
Hand Bags, Purses,
Furs, Muffs,
Scarfs, Center-pieces,
Art Squares, Rugs,
Hosiery and Handkerchiefs
A. D. BROWN

Merry Christmas, Indeed

is in the home illuminated with light from such beautiful and convenient fixtures as are to be had here. The beautiful soft light they give, the atmosphere of brightness and cheerfulness are well worth much more than such fixtures cost here. Just come and see them. That's all. A full line of nice portables, pocket lights, toy motors and electric engines, electric irons, and stoves, all the above articles mentioned make useful Christmas presents. Store will be open to 10 o'clock through the holidays.

J. O. BROCK
'Phone 573. 123 Market Street.

Christmas Money

We are prepared to furnish our patrons and friends with Gold and New Currency for Christmas. You are invited to call upon us.

Home Savings Bank
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ChristmasGoods

All the Latest Novels and Illustrated Books. Fancy Box Paper. Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens. Brass Novelties. Leather Goods. Xmas Cards and Calendars.

ROBERT C. DeROSSET
'PHONE: 26. 32 N. FRONT STREET.

MANY FACE THE RECORDER

Number of Pre-Christmas Defendants In Court Yesterday Morning—Recorder Is Lenient But He Gives Warning

Perhaps as forerunner of what is to come later in the week, there were a large number of pre-Christmas defendants in the Recorder's court yesterday. They were gathered in by the police Saturday night and Sunday and the charges ranged from plain drunkenness to assault with deadly weapon. While not severe on any of the defendants the Recorder was especially lenient on the few drunks before him, but he served notice that if the same persons are up again during the holidays they may expect more adequate punishment.

Archie Hall, colored, was the principal defendant. He was charged with assault with deadly weapon on Louise Ashe, his paramour, Saturday night. He cut the woman in the side, it was alleged. He admitted on the stand he cut her, but claims that it was accidental. He has been up twice before for fighting the same woman. Hall impressed those in the court room as being a bad negro. The Recorder found him guilty and sentenced him to three months on the roads. L. Clayton Grant, Esq., who appeared for him, gave notice of appeal to Superior Court, bond being fixed at $50.

William Davis, colored, was fined $25 and costs for assault with deadly weapon upon Charles Best, also colored, whom he severely cut in several places last Saturday night was a week ago. Best was cut on the throat, the jugular vein being almost severed. The two men had had trouble before and Davis claimed that he was afraid of Best as he had been advised that he had sworn to kill him the first opportunity he got. Davis is a Rocky Point negro. He has been employed at the Champion Compress for a number of years and the man he worked under voluntarily made a statement in court as to the good character of the negro. He said that Davis was the quietest one of the 50 negroes who work under him. This statement and others of a similar nature from persons who knew him probably saved Davis from a term on the roads. The Recorder fined him $25 and costs. A case against Charles Best, for vagrancy, was not prossed with leave.

James Smith, a 10-year-old mulatto youth, whom his mother says has decided criminal tendencies, was before the court on a charge of stealing a half pint of milk from a milk wagon. His father stated that an effort was being made to get him in a reformatory somewhere. The case was left open until today.

John Barker, a white barber, was fined $5 and costs for drunkenness, while in case against him for carrying a concealed weapon, judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs. The weapon referred to was a razor. It was shown that the reason he had the razor in his pocket was that he had it to sharpen. Harry Rose, colored, was taxed the costs for violating the driving ordinance. J. R. Woolard, a young white man, was fined $5 and costs for drunkenness, while judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs in a case for carrying a concealed weapon. Henry Clay, colored, paid $5 and costs for disorderly conduct. Leslie Ellis and Chas. Schulken, both young white men, were each fined $5 and costs for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Son Williams, colored, was fined $10 and costs for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs in a case charging him with damage to real estate. It was alleged in the warrant that he tore up the water pipe and fixtures in the city prison. William Cumber and George Guthrie, white, were found guilty of an affray and were taxed the costs.

The court was interrupted for a minute or two by a drunken man, John Morgan, by name, who was talking to himself. The Recorder ordered him sent to jail to stay until he got sober.

INTEREST OF THE CHILDREN.

Dr. A. S. Orne Addressed Small Audience Sunday Afternoon.

Dr. A. S. Orne, who has been in the city for several days to work in the interest of children, his purpose being to arouse interest in a bill that may be introduced in the next General Assembly providing for juvenile courts for the State, spoke in the Grand Theatre Sunday afternoon on the subject, "Cause and Cure of Crime". He spoke for about 40 minutes. He emphasized the fact that when a boy or girl goes wrong the entire community is responsible in a measure and asserted that it is the duty of every good citizen to see that the boys and girls of today—the men and women of tomorrow—are placed in an environment that will bring out all that is good in them and suppress the bad, so that they will become useful citizens. Mrs. Orne, who has been traveling with her husband and aiding him in his work ever since their marriage 17 years ago, closed the meeting with a short talk in which she gave a few touching incidents of their long service. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Smith.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S.

Natal Day of Saviour to be Observed With Unusual Solemnity.

Outside of Easter Sunday, Christmas ranks as the greatest feast in the Catholic calendar, and it will be celebrated at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, this city, with special services and music.

A solemn high mass will be sung at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning, with Rev. Father C. Dennen as celebrant. The musical programme will be in charge of Mr. James Owen Reilly, the organist. Berge's tuneful mass in honor of St. Hubert will be rendered, this consisting of six magnificent numbers, namely, "Kyrie", "Gloria in Excelsis Deo", "Credo in Unam Deum", "Sanctus," "Benedictus," and the "Agnus Dei".

After the principal service other masses will be celebrated at various hours from 7 o'clock to 10:30 A. M.

"BOB" HEWLETT ANSWERS CALL

Popular and Versatile Vaudeville Actor, Native of Wilmington, Passes Away in Memphis—The Funeral Here.

Members of the family and hundreds of Wilmington friends were shocked and saddened yesterday upon receipt of a telegram from Memphis, Tenn., stating that popular, big-hearted "Bob" Hewlett, as he was familiarly known to the profession and to his friends, had passed away at 10:15 o'clock in St. Joseph Hospital, that city, after a seven weeks' illness with penumonia.

While it was known that his condition had been critical and while his brother, Mr. J. Henry Hewlett, had just returned from Memphis in answer to a summons to his bedside, people could not think of "Bob" Hewlett other than as the big, hearty, robust fellow, radiating sunshine as he went, and they were unprepared for the news that his voice had been stilled in death. The telegram gave no particulars other than that Mr. Hewlett had passed away and that the body would be brought back to Wilmington, his old home, for funeral and interment. It is needless to say that the news of his demise came with the greatest regret and sorrow to his friends here and with the tenderest sympathy for members of the family who are so deeply bereaved upon his death.

Robert A. Hewlett was the oldest of nine children of the late Mr. W. S. Hewlett and of Mrs. Martha S. Hewlett, and is the first of the large family to pass away. He was 49 years of age at his last birthday and for many years had been on the vaudeville stage, having traveled all over the United States and being a clever and exceptionally popular entertainer. For the last several years he had been a producing manager and at the time of his death was playing his company at the Garden Theatre in Memphis, Tenn. He began his career while a boy with the job department of the Morning Star under the proprietorship of Maj. Wm. H. Bernard, and served his apprenticeship under the late W. S. Warrock, for so many years foreman of the job printing department of the paper. He was a bright and apt pupil, displayed remarkable talent as an artistic printer, but early in his career his bent was towards theatricals and he first developed as a slack wire walker, startling his early associates with feats of daring that soon won for him plaudits before the footlights in hundreds of towns and cities throughout the country. Later other vaudeville features were added to his repertoire and some years ago after spending some time in the Chinese quarter of San Francisco studying their language and peculiarities, he came again before the footlights regarded as the finest Chinese impersonator on the American stage. He was a favorite wherever he was known or appeared and several times upon visits to Wilmington, he was seen on the local stage and won the plaudits of theatregoers in his home city. Mr. Hewlett was twice married, the last time to Miss May Hendry, of Council Bluff, Ia., and she with one son, Robert, born to the first marriage and now with a large theatrical booking agency in New York, survive him. Of the original family, Mr. Hewlett is survived by his aged mother, Mrs. Martha S. Hewlett, of this city; two brothers, Mr. J. Henry Hewlett, of Wilmington, and Mr. B. F. Hewlett, of Milwaukee, and seven sisters, Mrs. N. F. Brandt and Mrs. S. A. Greelish, of St. Augustine, Fla.; Mrs. D. T. Meade, of Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. A. B. Coleman, of Dayton, Ky.; Mrs. L. J. Hudon, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Miss Louise Hewlett, of Wilmington.

Mr. Hewlett had been a member of the Denver Lodge of Elks and was also at the time of his death a member of the Theatrical Association. Members of the latter order were very attentive to him during his last illness and made the closing hours of his life as happy and as comfortable as possible.

The time of arrival of the body and arrangements for the funeral will be made later.

STR. CARIB UNDAMAGED

Clyde Liner Floated Again by Seminole and Two Local Tugs

The Clyde Line steamer Carib, Capt. Hale, which ran aground in the lower Cape Fear early Friday morning during a heavy fog, while inward bound from Georgetown, was pulled afloat into the channel Sunday morning at high water, about 4 o'clock. The revenue cutter Seminole was assisted in the work of pulling the Carib out of the mud by the Wilmington tugs Gladiator and Castor.

The Carib was apparently undamaged by the accident and after discharging her cargo here steamed yesterday morning for New York. The Gladiator got a hawser caught in her propeller while pulling on the Carib and had to go on the marine railway yesterday to get it off.

The Steamer Wilmington

On account of the Christmas holidays, the steamer Wilmington will not make her regular trip to Southport on Wednesday. She will make a double trip, however, today, for the benefit of friends and patrons of the line between Wilmington and Southport.

Drives Off a Terror.

The chief executioner of death in the Winter and Spring months is penumonia. Its advance agents are colds and grip. In any attack by one of these maladies no time should be lost in taking the best medicine obtainable to drive it off. Countless thousands have found this to be Dr. King's New Discovery. "My husband believes it has kept him from having pneumonia three or four times," writes Mrs. George W. Place, Rawsonville, Vt., "and for coughs, colds and croup we have never found its equal." Guaranteed for all bronchial affections. Price 50 cts. and $1.00. Trial bottle free at R. R. Bellamy.

(Advertisement.)

Fireworks

Now on sale at Warren's, Front and Market. (Advertisement.)

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Several Deeds Filed for Record at the Court House Yesterday

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows:

D. N. Chadwick, Jr., and wife to Dr. Ernest S. Bulluck, for $10 and other considerations, lot on north side of Dawson street, 44 feet west of Second, 35 1-2x66 feet in size.

Edward Ellis and wife, of Brunswick county, to A. E. Jackson, for $10 and other consideratics, lot on northwest corner of 11th and Ann streets, 33x150 feet in size.

Geo. O. Gaylord to Bertha B. McKoy, wife of J. C. McKoy, for $10 and other considerations, lot on northeast corner of Fifth and Marsteller streets, 96x180 feet in size.

Home Savings Bank, trustee, to Kate H. Rankin, wife of R. G. Rankin, Jr., for $100 and other considerations, lot on north side of Chesnut street, 66 feet east of 16th, 132x150 feet in size.

J. W. Freeman and wife to A. K. Moore, for $100 and other considerations, lot on east side of Brooklyn street, 150 feet north of Taylor, 33x75 feet in size.

J. H. Westbrook and wife to A. K. Moore, et al., for $100 and other considerations, 6 1-2 acres of land on east side of Carolina Beach road, adjoining lands of Mrs. C. C. Westbrook and others.

Charles W. Watters and wife to A. J. Strickland and wife, for $10 and other considerations, two pieces of land, one containing 1.6 acres, adjoining lands of G. F. Watters and others, and the other on the Middle Sound road, containing 27,638 square feet, also adjoining lands of G. F. Watters and others.

A. P. Southerland and wife to A. H. Hunt and wife, for $1 and other considerations, 4 3-4 acres of land, seven miles from the city on the Wilmington & Newbern Railroad, adjoining lands of Reuben Everett and others.

MRS. ANNA JANE MERCER DEAD.

Venerable Mother of Mr. J. B. Mercer Passed Away Yesterday.

At the advanced age of 90 years, after a long and useful life, Mrs. Anna Jane Mercer, widow of the late John Mercer, of Brunswick county, passed away in this city yesterday morning at 10:55 o'clock at the home of her relative, Mr. W. D. McCaig, No. 1711 Princess street. Mrs. Mercer's death was due more largely to the infirmities of one of her age than from any specific ailment and while it was not unexpected, it came as a blow to family and friends.

Mrs. Mercer was born May 15th, 1822 at Town Creek, Brunswick county, and she was the oldest daughter of the late D. B. Evans, among the earlier settlers in Brunswick. Early in life she married the late John Mercer, also of Brunswick county, and who preceded her to the grave many years ago. She was a woman of deep piety and sweet Christian character, rearing a large family of sons and daughters, only two of whom now survive, however.

She also leaves many grandchildren and great grandchildren in many parts of the country. The living children are Mr. J. B. Mercer, a well known business man of Wilmington, and a daughter, Mrs. E. M. Walker, also of this city. The only living sister is Mrs. C. R. Galloway, of Town Creek, N. C., and the venerable Mr. J. B. Evans, of Town Creek, is an only living brother. All the bereaved ones have the sympathy of many friends in the great sorrow that has come to them in this gladsome season of the year.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence of Mr. McCaig, No. 1711 Princess street, this morning at 11 o'clock and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

FUNERAL OF MR. ANDERSON.

Former Wilmingtonian Passed Away at His Home in Ocala, Fla.

The body of Mr. William Anderson, a former resident of Wilmington, but for a number of years a resident of Ocala, Fla., whose death occurred at his late home a few days ago, was brought to this city yesterday on the 1:40 P. M. train. The funeral was held at 4 o'clock from St. James' Episcopal church, conducted by Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, and the interment was in Oakdale cemetery. The pallbearers were: Honorary, Capt. Louis Belden, Messrs. W. A. Williams, J. C. Munds and W. B. McKoy; active, Messrs. J. P. Watters, Junius Davis, Jr., L. Brown McKoy, R. C. Cantwell, Jr., Robert Williams, L. S. Belden, Jr., and W. C. Lord.

Mr. Anderson was a Past Exalted Ruler of the Ocala Lodge of Elks and the body was met at the union station here yesterday by a delegation from the local lodge of Elks. The local lodge also sent a handsome floral design.

Mr. Anderson moved from Wilmington to Ocala about 30 years ago. He was a prominent druggist of that place and was also interested in other enterprises, being vice president of one of the banks of that place. He was the eldest son of the late Dr. Edwin A. Anderson, of Wilmington. Some years ago he married Miss Rebecca Brown, of Wilmington, granddaughter of the late Mr. John Brown. Surviving are one son and two daughters, the daughters, before their marriage being Misses Sue and Margaret Anderson.

Special Suburban Service.

Special car service will be given on the suburban line today between Wilmington and Wrightsville. Cars for Wrightsville will leave Front and Princess every half hour from 2 until 10 P. M. Tomorrow the regular weekday schedule will be operated in the morning on the suburban line. In the afternoon a half-hour schedule will be operated, the same as on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. There will be no freight handled on the suburban line tomorrow. There will also be extra car service on Carolina Place line tonight. The ten minute service on the Carolina Place line will be continued until 10 P. M.

Comfortable and Cozy

The grand Theatre is the place of all places to get warm and comfortable and enjoy the best vaudeville bill that is offered. (Advertisement.)

Fireworks

Now on sale at Warren's, Front and Market. (Advertisement.)

MEETING AT HIGH POINT

Convention of The Carolina Municipal Association Will Be Held There Early In January—Circular Letter

Capt. Thos. D. Meares, secretary and treasurer of the Carolina Municipal Association, yesterday sent out to the Mayors of the towns and cities in the State a circular letter announcing the fact that the association has been called to meet in High Point January 7th, and inviting all municipalities, large and small, to have representatives present. It is a very important meeting and, coming as it does the day before the General Assembly convenes, some proposed legislation for the towns and cities will doubtless be discussed and probably some action may be taken.

The association has advocated a number of reforms in the government of the cities and towns of the State and members believe that in working in unison they will be able to secure uniform legislation along certain lines that will be beneficial to all. The association is two or three years old and the several meetings have been largely attended and the various topics discussed proved not only interesting but instructive to all present.

Mayor Fred N. Tate, of High Point, is president of the association. He notified Captain Meares yesterday that the executive committee had decided definitely upon the January meeting and requested that circular letters be issued. The following is the letter sent out by Captain Meares:

"December 23rd, 1912.

"To the Mayors of the Towns and Cities of North Carolina:

"A meeting of this association has been called for the 7th day of January, 1913, at High Point, to convene at 10 o'clock A. M.

"All towns and cities in the State are entitled to representation, and a full meeting is earnestly urged and hoped for.

"Upon the success of this meeting will depend the continued existence of the association.

"It can be a powerful agent for the good of the rapidly-growing towns in the State in a multitude of ways. United effort in the interest of all can accomplish much. Without the active support of the municipalities of the State its existence is useless.

"Will you come?

"By order of the president.

"THOS. D. MEARES,
"Secretary and Treasurer.

"Headquarters, Elwood Hotel.

"Meetings: Rooms of Manufacturers' Club."

At the last regular meeting of the City Council Mayor Joseph D. Smith was elected as a delegate to attend the meeting of the association as a representative of this city. He expects to attend. Captain Meares will attend in his official capacity as secretary and treasurer of the association.

WILL TREBLE CAPACITY.

Coca-Cola Bottling Works Building New Home for Plant.

The Wilmington plant of the Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Mr. W. J. Hutaff, manager, has outgrown its present quarters at No. 610 Walnut street, and a new building, designed especially for the use of the bottling works, is being erected on corner of Tenth and Princess streets. The new building will be ready for occupancy in about 30 days. The business of the company in Wilmington and section has increased very rapidly in the last few years and the present plant is simply inadequate to meet the demands made upon it. In the new building, which is of metal, will be installed considerable new machinery, in addition to the machinery now used by the company. Mr. Hutaff expects the new plant to give him treble the capacity of the present plant.

Mr. Geo. H. Hutaff, who with his brother owns the Wilmington plant and a dozen others, has just returned from a trip to Baltimore, Washington and other places in the North where he inspected the latest machinery for bottling coca-cola and other soft drinks. He placed an order for some of the improved machinery to be installed in the plant here.

A deep well has been drilled at the site of the new plant by Mr. J. D. Lowry. Analyses of the water have been made by both the city chemist and the State chemist. The reports of the chemists tallied exactly and showed the water to be as good as any to be had in Wilmington.

Enclosed with a card bearing the inscription, "A merry Christmas and a happy New Year," the Coca-Cola Bottling Works is presenting to a number of patrons and friends a card case and pocket knife, which are most acceptable gifts.

TODAY IS CHRISTMAS EVE.

With Clearing Weather Shoppers Will be Out in Full Force.

With clearing weather this morning, as predicted by the Weather Bureau, the streets and stores will no doubt be thronged today and tonight until a late hour with those who have not yet finished their holiday shopping. The disagreeable weather yesterday and last night kept many people from making their 11th hour purchases, consequently the final rush today will be much greater than it is ordinarily on Christmas eve, and it is always sufficient to keep the merchants and their assistants on the move from early in the morning until late at night. Quite a number braved the elements yesterday and made their final purchases, but, of course, the number of persons in the shopping district was nothing like what it would have been had the day been fair.

XMAS AT JACOBI'S.

Many Useful and Attractive Gifts for the Holidays There.

The N. Jacobi Hardware Co., South Front street, is making a most attractive showing of many new and useful articles for the holidays and those who cannot claim the distinction of being "early shoppers" will find at their store today something useful and quite appropriate. The show windows are filled with holiday and sporting goods suitable for the husband, wife, mother, sister, brother or sweetheart and the prices will be found just right. The management of the store will appreciate a call from the general public when completing their Christmas purchases today.

Married Sunday Evening

Many friends of the couple will be interested to learn of the marriage of Miss Alice Elizabeth Pounds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pounds, of Town Creek, Brunswick county, and Mr. Eddie S. Paddrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Padrick, of Seagate, which was celebrated at 6:45 o'clock Sunday evening at Trinity Methodist church, Rev. C. T. Rogers, the pastor, performing the ceremony. The couple were attended by Misses Eva Clemensen and Lula Conway and Messrs. R. H. Ennett and C. F. Williamson. Mr. and Mrs. Padrick will make their home at Seagate, where both have many friends.

House Robbed and Set on Fire

The home of Jim Hooper, colored, who lives at Bradley's Creek, just beyond the old third toll house on the Wrightsville turnpike, was entered and robbed Saturday night while members of the family were away. The robber or robbers secured $37, which Hooper had saved for Christmas, and then set fire to the building. Mr. Will McGowan chanced to be passing and saw the blaze through a window. He entered the house and put out the fire. Piles of straw and leaves had been placed near a stove and in the attic. The damage to the building is about $10. Hooper had $200 insurance on the house. Sheriff Cowan and his deputies are working on the case.

—Arrivals yesterday at The Southern included R. E. Morgan, Hamlet; John Martin, Willard; L. M. Jackson, Kelly; W. S. Carter, Atkinson; Miss Dienna Squires, Southport; R. W. Scott, Wallace; H. O. Peterson, C. T. Russell, Watha; A. J. Pait, Bladenboro.

Fireworks

Now on sale at Warren's, Front and Market. (Advertisement.)

A great selection of furs at C. H. Fore & Co. (Advertisement.)

AVIATOR WITH HEADACHE FALLS

Only recently we read of an aviator who said he fell because his head ached. He wasn't himself. In the tense moment of danger his faculties failed him. Don't have headache—it bars success.

HICKS' CAPUDINE

cures headache — gets at the cause, whether heat, cold, grip or nervousness. Liquid, pleasant to take, quickly effective. 10c, 25c and 50c at drug stores.

New Gold $ 2.50 Pieces
$ 5.00 Pieces
$10.00 Pieces
$20.00 Pieces

New Silver DOLLARS
1/2 " "
1/4 " "
DIMES

New Currency $ 1.00 Bills
$ 5.00 Bills
$10.00 Bills
$20.00 Bills

ALSO NEW NICKELS AND NEW PENNIES.

For those desiring New Money for the Christmas Holidays.

It is Our pleasure to serve You.

The Peoples Savings Bank

A. C. L. Stockholders

¶The right to exchange 4% Convertible 6-30 Year Gold Debenture Bonds into Common Stock will expire on Dec. 19th.

¶The privilege of subscribing for new stock at par to the extent of 10% of your holdings at close of books, Dec. 19th, will not expire until Feb. 3rd, 1913. Warrants will be mailed on Dec. 30th.

¶We shall be glad to attend to any of these exchanges or subscriptions for you.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.

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"THE STORE THAT'S ALWAYS BUSY

The Best Christmas Presents

WHAT TO GIVE AND WHERE TO CHOOSE!

The BEST Christmas Present is whatever the friend you have in mind WANTS; if you think of this and then choose the article CAREFULLY, getting both QUALITY and BEAUTY for modest cost, you are certain to be remembered as a woman who knows the secret of successful gift selection. All our splendid stocks were gathered with this thought in mind; quality, beauty, modest cost, with real DESIRABLENESS—thus to choose here simplifies the whole matter of Christmas shopping and puts it on a safe, ECONOMY basis.

Why Not Plan to Shop Early This Week?

Pre-Holiday Sale of Coats, Suits and Dresses.

By Investing in Any One of These, You Will Have Money Left in Your Pocketbook to Buy Presents for Your Friends.

LADIES' COAT SUITS—
Mannish Mixtures, Whip Cords, Zibelines, Diagonals and Serges; Special $13.00

LADIES' COAT SUITS—
Diagonals, Thibets, Bengalines, Whip Cords; Special $18.00

LADIES' COAT SUITS—
Imported fabrics in Broadcloths, Thibets, Creoles and Mannish Mixtures; regular $30.00 suits; Special $22.50

LADIES' SERGE DRESSES—
Navy Blue, Copenhagen, Tans and Grey; also Cream; Specials at $7.00, $9.00, $12.00 and $15.00

LADIES' COATS—
Crushed Seal Plush Coats, $20.00, $22.00 and $25.00

Ladies' Grey Diagonal Coats, the new fad Johnny Coat, $12 to $20.00

Ladies' Evening Coats ..... $15.00, $18.00, $20.00 to $25.00

FURS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS—
Ladies' handsome White Thibet, scarf and muff to match; handsome Christmas presents; value $25.00; Special $15.00

Ladies' and Misses' White and Grey Thibet Sets, at $5, $10 and $15.00

Ladies Blended Squirrel Throws, $5.00, $6.00 and $7.00

Ladies' long Black Hare Throws; Special Xmas price $5.00

Ladies' handsome Isabella Fox Throws, scarf and cape effects, $8.50, $10.00 to $30.00

Ladies' Bearskin Throws; Special, $5.00

Ladies' Isabella Fox Muffs and scarfs; Special prices, ... $8.00, $8.50, $10.00 to $15.00

Children's White Fur Sets, Neck Pieces and Muff to match ..... $3.00, $4.00, $4.50 and $5.00

Children's White Angora Fur Sets, Muff and Neck Piece to match, $3.00, $4.00, $4.50 and $5.00

SOCIETY

Miss Myrtle Vollers is home from Elizabeth College, Charlotte, to spend the holidays.

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Miss Louise Hill left last evening for Goldsboro, N. C., where she will visit relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robt. H. Gwaltney arrived from New York Sunday to spend the Christmas season here.

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Mr. Joe Munroe, of Washington, D. C., is spending the holidays with his brother, Mr. W. B. Munroe.

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Capt. D. T. Cronly, of Columbia, S. C., is spending the Christmas season with relatives in Wilmington.

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Miss Frances Bachus, of Caldwell, N. J., is the guest of Miss Lillie Post, No. 112 North Seventh street.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lynch, of Bolton, have arrived to spend the holidays with relatives in this city.

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Mr. Walker Taylor, Jr., is home for the holidays from Lawrenceville, N. J., where he has been in school.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Borden, of Richmond, Va., are in the city to spend the holidays with relatives.

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St. Mary's church, Fifth and Ann streets. Services on Christmas day 6, 7, 7:30, 9, 9:30 and 10:30 A. M.

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Mrs. S. S. Fitzsimmons leaves today for Eutawville, S. C., where she will spend the holidays with her parents.

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Miss Leula Pridgen has returned from several weeks' visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Murray at Topsail, N. C.

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Miss J. S. Roberts left yesterday afternoon for Sanford, Fla., where she will spend the holidays with her mother.

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Misses Ann and Elizabeth Barnwell left yesterday for Sumter, S. C., where they will spend Christmas at their old home.

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Mr. J. M. Norfleet, a prominent attorney of Tarboro, is here for the holidays, a guest of his sister, Mrs. H. K. Nash.

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Dr. Connell, of Toronto, Canada, is visiting at the home of his classmate, G. E. Bowdoin, No. 617 Red Cross street.

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Mr. D. L'A. Munds, of New York City, arrived Sunday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. M. D. Munds.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Archibald Cannon, of Concord, N. C., arrived Sunday to spend Christmas with relatives in this city.

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Messrs. W. P. Applewhite and J. F. Powell left Sunday night for New York city, where they will spend the holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. C. O'Neill, of Birmingham, Ala., are the guests of their sister, Mrs. Edgar Hinton, at Carolina Heights.

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Miss Mary Ella Plasteau, after a very pleasant visit to Miss Eloise Cheek, left last night for her home in Harrisburg, Pa.

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Mr. Albert Fales, a student at Wake Forest College, is at home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fales.

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Miss Adeline Perry left yesterday morning for Siler City, N. C., where she will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

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Miss Alma Coats, of Smithfield, and Miss Lillie Currie, of Burgaw, are guests of Mrs. G. C. Bordeaux, on the Carolina Beach road.

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Miss Willie Southerland left yesterday for Norfolk, Va., where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. L. P. Sneeden.

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Cyrus D. Hogue, Esq., has gone to Baltimore to spend the Christmas season with his brother, Rev. R. W. Hogue, formerly of this city.

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Mr. Jos. N. Jacobs arrived Sunday from Raleigh to spend Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Jacobs, No. 118 South Fifth street.

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Mr. Howard B. Branch, secretary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, left last night for Durham to spend Christmas with his parents.

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Mr. H. F. Brown, night clerk at The Southern Hotel, expects to leave this morning for Enfield, N. C., where he will spend the Christmas season.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones and Mr. and Mrs. John Russell Pope, of New York City, have arrived at Airlie-on-the-Sound to spend the holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Triplett, of Charlotte, are spending the Christmas season with Mrs. Triplett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Smith, at Winter Park Gardens.

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Sunday's Charlotte Observer: "Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Murchison will return this morning from Wilmington and Norfolk, Va., where they have been spending some time."

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Miss Sallie Lee Smith, of Elkton, left Monday for Wadesboro, N. C., where she will be the attractive guest of Miss Janie McAlister during the Christmas holidays.

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Mrs. S. D. Strickland and daughter, Miss Hortense Strickland, returned yesterday morning from a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in Sanford and Fayetteville.

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Friends of Mrs. Fannie S. Fishblate will regret to learn of the death of her brother, Mr. Chas. E. Schaap, which occurred at Fort Collins, Colorado. Mr. Schaap was a native of Richmond, Va., and the interment will be in that city. He had several times visited in Wilmington and has a host of friends who will regret to hear of his demise.

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Dr. Morris M. Caldwell leaves on the early train today for Charlotte to spend the holidays with his mother. He expects to return to the city on Thursday of this week.

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Miss Margaret Bergen is home from Mount St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bergen, No. 215 Red Cross street.

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Miss Pauline Williams, a student at Meredith College, Raleigh, has returned to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Williams, No. 207 North Seventh street.

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Mr. James Charles-Craft has returned from Harvard University, where he is a student, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Charles-Craft.

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Mr. William Capers Munds, Jr., has arrived from Rutherford, N. Y., to spend the holidays. Many friends of "Bill" are pleased to know that he is more than "making good" in his adopted home.

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Mr. Hazel R. Aiken, a well known young real estate man, connected with the agency of Wilder & Metts, has gone to Hickory, N. C., his former home, to spend the holidays with his parents.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis, Miss Katherine Ellis, of Savannah, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Carter, of Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harkamp, of Fredericksburg, Va., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Sprunt.

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Mr. Marion S. Harriss, of the engineering corps of Mr. A. D. O'Brien, doing bridge construction work at Alga, Ala., returned yesterday morning to spend Christmas with his parents, Major and Mrs. W. N. Harriss.

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Mr. C. McD. Davis, general freight agent of the A. C. L., with headquarters in Savannah, Ga., arrived on the late train last night to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Davis, on North Third street.

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Mr. Harry P. West, of New York City, has arrived to spend the Christmas season with his mother, Mrs. H. P. West, at No. 310 Chesnut street. He has been most cordially greeted by his many friends in Wilmington.

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Sunday's Savannah Morning News: "Mrs. Henry H. McKee, of Wilmington and Saluda, N. C., is visiting her sister, Miss Maccaw.——Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Corbett will leave for Wilmington, N. C., where they will spend the holidays."

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Miss Ruth Lynch and her cousin, Miss Mary Lee Borden, of New Orleans, have returned from Richmond, Va., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Borden. Miss Borden will leave Friday for her home in New Orleans.

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New York correspondence of Sunday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Mrs. Lulu B. Sweet, of No. 508 West 112th street, this city, has announced the engagement of her niece, Miss Agnes L. Harper, to Dr. Gabe Holmes Croom, of Wilmington, N. C. Miss Harper is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Harper, of New York City. The wedding will take place January 16th at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Henry E. Westbay, at No. 219 West 71st street."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Nathan Murray, of Shakin, Pender county, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

—Among yesterday's guests at The Orton were Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Sanderson, Whiteville; R. F. Anderson, Fort Caswell; Mrs. C. R. Noble, Mrs. W. L. Clay, Miss Esther R. Noble, Miss Nora Golden, Fort Caswell; Miss Mary Sloan, Miss Carrie Bryan Sloan, Garland; E. J. Hill, Warsaw; E. B. Wright, Boardman.

—Among those registered at The Orton Sunday were Geo. S. Elliott, Raleigh; B. M. Potter, Southport; Edwin A. Cook, Emmons Newbury, Louisburg; J. K. Council, Wananish; R. D. Johnson, Warsaw; W. B. Fort, Pikeville; W. C. Thoms, Evergreen; J. F. White, Oxford; A. Trust, East Arcadia; J. S. Kerr, Charlotte; Miss Louise McKay, Westbrook; Paul Bates, Southport.

LOCAL DOTS.

—License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. William E. Floyd, of Wilmington, and Miss Sallie M. Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wright, of Harnett township.

—Tomorrow being Christmas Day, the City Council will meet in regular weekly session this morning at the usual hour instead of Wednesday. The business will probably be disposed of in short order.

—The Swedish steamer Sydland, Captain Lindquist, cleared yesterday for New York, light, after having discharged cargo of fertilizer materials here. Messrs. Heide & Co., are agents for the vessel.

—Two suits were started in Superior Court yesterday as follows: J. F. Howard against C. J. Mitchell, trading as B. F. Mitchell & Co., and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co.; the American Tie & Timber Co., against G. T. Flynn and W. J. Flynn. In neither case was the complaint filed yesterday.

—While roller-skating Saturday afternoon in front of the First Baptist church, Master William L. Beery, Jr., son of Capt. and Mrs. W. L. Beery, No. 401 Market street, slipped and fell to the pavement, breaking his left arm. This is the third time within two years that the lad has broken his left arm.

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when we
stop to think
of the large num-
ber of new patrons
we have served since
last Christmas and the
large majority of old ones
that have continued with us,
we feel greatly encouraged and in-
debted to this community. It is, and
shall continue to be, our earnest en-
deavor to repay the confidence thus be-
stowed upon us by furnishing the very best
banking service possible. And this service we
hope will be freely and liberally used. If we
could persuade all those who might make use of
our bank to do so, the prosperity of our people would
be greatly increased. However, we shall continue work-
ing toward that end. That shall be our aim. And now
we wish you all a Merry, Merry Christmas and many of them.

American National Bank
210 North Front Street Wilmington, N. C.
W. B. COOPER, President. GEO. O. GAYLORD, Vice-President. THOS. E. COOPER, Cashier. C. E. BETHEA, Ass't Cashier.

BEASTLY WEATHER, IT WAS

Yesterday Very Disagreeable—More Roseate Outlook for Christmas

Yesterday was one of the most disagreeably disagreeable days of the year in Wilmington. A cold, driving rain prevailed all day and only the most hardy holiday shoppers braved the elements to complete their Christmas purchases. The rain began Sunday night and continued all day yesterday with increasing cold and threatened sleet all day. But the sleet did not materialize, though a fall of the frozen rain was in progress at Charlotte and Raleigh last night. Both the forecast for Wilmington and North Carolina indicates rain today, but clearing during the afternoon with the prospect for more ideal weather for Christmas Day. This more favorable weather is expected to follow high winds that will prevail today in the shape of northeaster warnings which were given by the Weather Bureau at 9:30 o'clock last night.

FUNERAL OF MR. BARENTINE

Services From First Presbyterian Church Yesterday Morning

Attended by a large number of relatives and friends, the funeral of Mr. J. G. Barentine, whose death occurred Saturday afternoon, was held at 11 o'clock yesterday morning from the First Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells. Following the service the body was tenderly borne to Oakdale cemetery, where the interment was made. The pallbearers were: Honorary, Messrs. H. C. McQueen, H. G. Smallbones, John D. Bellamy, Sr., C. H. Robinson, J. A. Springer and C. C. Brown; active, Messrs. J. Hicks Bunting, W. C. Peterson, C. W. Polvogt, Walker Taylor, G. Henry Haar and Wallace Carmichael.

Spend the day with us today and we will make it interesting for you. C. H. Fore & Co. (Advertisement.

Work Will Begin Monday

Work on the handsome new building to be erected by the Cape Fear Club at the northeast corner of Second and Chesnut streets, will be begun next Monday morning by the contractors, Messrs. Wallace & Osterman. The building will be completed by the 1st of July, next year. Mr. Osterman left last night for New York city, where he will hold a conference with Mr. C. P. H. Gilbert, the architect. He will return to Washington, D. C., to spend Christmas with his family and is expected to arrive here Friday to continue the preliminary arrangements to begin the work on Monday.

For all kinds of furs go to C. H. Fore & Co. (Advertisement.)

DIED.

MERCER—At the residence of W. D. McCaig, No. 1711 Princess street, Monday, December 23rd, 1912, at 10:55 A. M., MRS. ANNA JANE MERCER, daughter of the late D. B. Evans and relict of John Mercer, of Brunswick county, in the 91st year of her age.

Funeral this (Tuesday) morning at 11 o'clock from residence; interment in Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

"SOUTHERN" FIELD FENCING.
Five Cars on hand at the old price. It won't last long.
Write or call and see us, as to price.
WM. E. SPRINGER & CO.
PURCELL BUILDING.

WOOD
We are sawing 500 Cords Stove Length Pine, Oak and Black Jack, mixed, at
Sunset Park
Come get all you want, at 75c. Per Load (¼ cord). 100 Cords 4 ft. Split Pine, $2.00 Per Cord; have spur to load cars at Park; switching charge, per car, $5.00.
"FIDELITY," 14 Princess St.

Victor Victrolas, Graph-aphones and Records
Everything for the Victor Talking Machine. We will be glad to demonstrate at our store, or at your home.
MAFFITT & WOOD

Financial and Commercial

COTTON GENERALLY QUIET

Fluctuations Were Irregular—Close at Advance of 1 to 8 Points—Market Closes Wednesday and Thursday.

New York, Dec. 23.—The cotton market was generally quiet today and fluctuations were irregular, with the close steady, at a net advance of 1 to 8 points. Both American and foreign markets will be closed on Christmas day and Thursday following and evening up for the over holidays was supposed to constitute a large part of the day's business.

The market opened steady at an advance of 4 to 12 points in sympathy with higher Liverpool cables than expected, and reports of a continued good continental demand in the English market. Realling or scattering liquidation was quite active around the opening figures and the market soon turned easier, with prices selling about 3 to 4 points net lower in the late forenoon.

Trade buying and covering of shorts checked the decline around this level and prices rallied rather sharply during the afternoon on bullish spot advices and a flurry of local shorts.

The close was within a point or two of the best and from 7 to 8 points net higher on most of the active months. It was reported during the day that several Southern spot firms were negotiating with a view of taking up cotton here on January contracts, owing to scarcity of low grades in the South, and it was also rumored that one of the larger owners of spot cotton in New York, who had sold several hundred bales of low grade cotton late last week, was now trying to buy back the cotton at a moderate advance. The posting of storm signals along the Gulf coast attracted comparatively little attention, although there was some talk that the disturbance might interfere with the movement during the balance of the week.

Spot closed steady. Middling uplands, 13.10 bales; do. gulf, 13.35; sales, 1,500 bales.

Cotton futures closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan	12.80	12.80	12.65	12.77
Feb	.....	.....	.....	12.65
March	12.69	12.71	12.58	12.71
April	.....	.....	.....	12.68
May	12.68	12.71	12.58	12.71
June	.....	.....	.....	12.61
July	12.59	12.61	12.49	12.62
Aug	12.48	12.49	12.48	12.49
Sept	12.00	.....	.....	11.95
Oct	11.85	11.84	11.09	11.81
Dec	12.75	12.77	12.67	12.74

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, at 12⅞; net receipts, 22,929; gross receipts, 22,929; sales, 1,435; stock, 482,538; continent, 8,480; coastwise, 13,887.

New Orleans—Quiet, 12⅞; net receipts, 9,111; gross receipts, 9,152; sales, 737; stock, 229,271; continent, 125.

Mobile—Steady, 12⅝; net receipts, 1,664; gross receipts, 1,664; stock, 43,806; coastwise, 41.

Savannah—Quiet, 12⅝; net receipts, 5,161; gross receipts, 5,161; sales, 2,819; stock, 159,404; continent, 15,829; coastwise, 2,474.

Charleston—Quiet, 12⅝; net receipts, 1,824; gross receipts, 1,824; stock, 74,335; coastwise, 377.

Wilmington—Nominal; net receipts, 1,524; gross receipts, 1,524; stock, 12,784; France, 10,852.

Norfolk—Steady, 12⅞; net receipts, 3,355; gross receipts, 3,355; sales, 1,161; stock, 72,130; coastwise, 2,960.

Baltimore—Nominal, 13; gross receipts, 867; stock, 7,380.

New York—Steady, 13.10; net receipts, 7,446; sales, 1,500; stock, 111,815; France, 600; continent, 150; coastwise, 4,954.

Boston—Steady, 13.10; net receipts, 822; gross receipts, 3,580; stock, 13,900; Great Britain, 2,587.

Philadelphia—Steady, 1,335; net receipts, 125; gross receipts, 175; stock, 7,375.

Texas City—Net receipts, 3,801; gross receipts, 3,801; stock, 44,995; Great Britain, 5,385.

Brunswick—Stock, 22,894.

Aransas Pass—Stock, 4,266.

Jacksonville—Stock, 1,550.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 50,402; Great Britain, 7,934; France, 11,452; continent, 24,575; stock, 1,288,646.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 99,792; Great Britain, 26,573; France, 17,174; continent, 51,645.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,721,717; Great Britain, 2,204,529; France, 708,493; continent, 1,911,792; Japan, 111,067; Mexico, 1,000.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 12⅝; net receipts, 28,881; gross receipts, 29,831; shipments, 19,422; sales, 135; stock, 161,871.

Augusta—Steady, 13; net receipts, 1,587; gross receipts, 1,882; shipments, 1,112; sales, 1,101; stock, 1,101; stock, 120,692.

Memphis—Steady, 13¼; net receipts, 6,243; gross receipts, 10,493; shipments, 6,204; sales, 400; stock, 165,184.

St. Louis—Steady, 13¼; net receipts, 351; gross receipts, 3,512; shipments, 3,249; stock, 18,780.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 3,223; gross receipts, 3,223; shipments, 1,258; stock, 15,927.

Little Rock—Quiet, 12⅝; net receipts, 1,086; gross receipts, 1,086; shipments, 239; stock, 47,048.

Total today—Net receipts, 36,321; gross receipts, 44,027; shipments, 31,504; sales, 1,639; stock, 529,502.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, December 23.—Spot cotton, in fair demand; prices, steady; American middling fair, 7.62; good middling, 7.28; middling, 7.08; low middling, 6.90; good ordinary, 6.44; ordinary, 5.96. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 1,500 were for speculation and export and included 7,300 American. Receipts, 33,000 bales, including 24,800 American.

Futures opened quiet and closed quiet. December, 6.81½; December and January, 6.79½; January and February, 6.77½; February and March, 6.76½; March and April, 6.75½; April and May, 6.74½; May and June, 6.73; June and July, 6.71; July and August, 6.68½; August and September, 6.58½; September and October, 6.39½; October and November, 6.38½.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 23.—Turpentine, quiet. Machine barrels, 41½.

Rosin—Quiet. Strained, common to good, 6.45.

Savannah, December 23.—Turpentine, firm at 38¼. Sales, 3,76; receipts, 7,09; shipments, 1,639; stock, 34,731.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, none. Receipts, 3,842; shipments, 11,670; stock, 149,194. Quote: A, B, 5.60; C, D, 5.65; E, 5.67½; F, 5.70; G, H, 5.75; I, 5.85; K, 6.35; M, 7.00; N, 7.25; W G, 7.35; W W, 7.45.

DRY GOODS MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 23.—The cotton goods markets were steady, with demand in the mails of very fair proportions, considering the period of the year. Yarn, firm. Sales of embroideries were being made at lower figures.

Could Shout for Joy.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice, and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters have no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50 cents at R. R. Bellamy.

(Advertisement.)

Full line Christmas candles at Warren's, Front and Market.

(Advertisement.)

WHEAT MADE GOOD ADVANCE

Decrease In the Domestic Visible Supply Advanced Prices—Corn Closed Higher, Oats Unchanged, Provisions Up

Chicago, Dec. 23.—A decrease in the domestic visible supply advanced wheat prices ½ to ¾c. today.

Corn closed ¼@¼ to ⅜c. up and oats a shade to ¼c. down.

Provisions gained from 2½ to 12½c.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.09½@1.10¾; No. 2, hard, 89@93; No. 1, Northern, 88@90; No. 2, do., 88 and 89.

Corn—No. 2, and No. 2, white, —; No. 2, yellow, 48½@49.

Oats—No. 2, 33¼@33⅝; No. 2, white, 35¼; standard, 34@34½.

Closing prices:

Wheat—December, 86⅝; May, 91¼@92; July, 88⅝.

Corn — December, 48½; May, 49; July, 49⅝.

Oats—December, 32⅝; May, 33¼; July, 33⅝.

Pork—January, 17.92½; May, 18.20.

Lard—January, 9.92½@9.95; May, 9.97½@10.00.

Ribs—January, 9.97½; May, 9.97½@9.90.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Carib, 2,080 tons, Hale, Georgetown, H. G. Smallbones.

Str. Navahoe, 1,278 tons, Packer, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

Cleared.

Str. Sydland (Swd.), 1,844 tons, Lindquist, New York, Heide & Co.

Str. Carib, 2,080 tons, Hale, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Helsingborg (Swd.), 1,362 tons, Meier, Heide & Co.

Str. Monitoria (Br.), 1,165 tons, Marlowe, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. King George (Br.), 2,480 tons, Burnett, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Schr. Perry Setzer, 1,268 tons, Blake, Maffitt & Wood.

Schr. Richard F. C. Hartley, 398 tons, Swain, Maffitt & Wood.

Schr. Victor C. Records, 263 tons, Griffith, Maffitt & Wood.

Schr. Louise F. (Br.), 160 tons, Albury, Maffitt & Wood.

Barques.

Br. Madura (Nor.), 1,023 tons, Brandt, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady at 37¼.

ROSIN—Steady, at $5.30.

TAR—Firm, $2.20 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $3.00 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip; $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 48; rosin, $6.15; tar, $1.80; crude turpentine, $3.50 for hard; $4.50 for dip; $4.50 for virgin.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine	42
Rosin	12
Tar	11
Crude Turpentine	14

Receipts same day last year, 30 casks spirits turpentine; 154 barrels rosin; 18 barrels tar; 31 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal.

Same day last year, 8¾.

Receipts, 1,524; same day last year, 4,069 bales.

Total receipts since Sept. 1st, 285,318 bales.

Total receipts same time last year, 345,320 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 23.)

CORN—Firm; 90c. per bu.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, 85c. to 95c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, dull, 50 to 60c.

BEEF—On foot, good demand, 3@4c. per lb.; dressed, 8c.

PORK—Dull, 9 to 10c.

WOOL—Burry, 15 to 18c. per lb.; free of burr, 25c. per lb.

HIDES—Green, 11c. per lb.; dry, 13 to 16 2-3c. per lb.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, old, 19 to 20c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 13½ to 14c. per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm; 27@28c. per lb.

TALLOW—Firm; 4½ to 5c. per lb.

POULTRY—Chickens, very dull; grown, 45 to 50c. Chickens, Spring, 18 to 35c. per head. Turkeys, on foot, dull, 13c.

SHEEP—Old, $1 00@2.50; lambs, $1.00@3.00.

EGGS—Dull, 25c.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cottox and Naval Stores at the Port of Wilmington.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 23.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,283 bales cotton; 14 casks spirits turpentine; 11 barrels tar; 14 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—201 bales cotton.

Str. Whitlock—28 casks spirits turpentine; 12 barrels rosin.

Mills—40 bales cotton.

Total—1,524 bales cotton; 42 casks spirits turpentine; 12 barrels rosin; 11 barrels tar; 14 barrels crude turpentine.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 21.

Market—Steady.

North Carolinas—Farmers' stock: Prime hand-picked, $1.10; machine-picked, $1.05.

Spanish—Prime hand-picked, $1.10; machine picked, $1.05.

Virginias—Prime hand-picked, 70c.; machine-picked, 65c.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, December 23.—Flour—Steady. Wheat—Firm. No. 2, red, 1.08@1.09; No. 1, Northern Duluth, 97¾.

Corn—Steady, 55c.

Hides—Dull.

Leather—Firm.

Petroleum—Steady.

Rice—Steady.

Molasses—Steady.

Wool—Quiet.

Sugar—Raw and refined, steady.

Butter—Firm.

Cheese—Quiet.

Coffee—Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 14½; Santos, No. 4, 16¼; mild, quiet; Cordova, 16¼@18; Havre, ¼ franc higher; Hamburg, holiday.

Potatoes—Dull and weak. Bermuda, 4.50@6.00; Virginia and Maryland, late crop, barrel, 1.75@2.00; Maine in bulk, 2.00@2.25; Long Island, barrel, 2.50@3.00; State in bulk, 1.87@2.12; Western, 1.50@2.00; Southern sweets, barrel, 1.50@2.00; Jersey, barrels, 2.00@3.00.

Cabbages—Steady. Danish, seed, 5.00@8.00; domestic, 3.00@4.00; red, 15.00@17.00.

Freights—Barely steady; cotton to Liverpool, per 100 pounds, 40; grain to Liverpool, 4¾; grain to London, 4½.

Peanuts—Steady. Fancy hand-picked, Virginia, 5¼@5½; Virginia shelled, No. 1 and No. 2, 3¾@6¼.

Cotton Seed Oil—Quiet, with prices steady, in absence of pressure and in sympathy with the strength in hog products. Trading was professional in character. Closing prices were 1 point lower to 2 points net higher. Prime crude, 5.15@5.20; prime Summer yellow, spot, 6.25@6.35; December, 6.25; January, 6.19; February, 6.21; March, 6.23; April, 6.26; May, 6.33; June, 6.34; July, 6.37; prime Winter yellow, 6.65@7.00; prime Summer white, 6.30@6.90.

STOCKS MOVE IRREGULARLY

Market Steady on an Uncertain Footing—Trend as a Whole Downward and Large Part of Leading Issues Fell.

New York, Dec. 23.—Irregular fluctuations of stocks today indicated that the market was steady, on an uncertain footing. Prices at times moved with a rapidity disproportionate to the amount of trading, shifting about in a way which indicated no well defined current of speculative opinion. The trend, as a whole, however, was toward a lower level and at the end of the day a large part of the leading issues had fallen a point or more. Trading was dull and professional. Uncertainty whether the Supreme Court would announce its decision in the Minnesota rate case today restricted trading in the morning and the bear element took advantage of the situation to bring about a recession. With the announcement in the noon hour that no decision would be announced today there came a sharp upward movement during which Union Pacific rose two points above the last quotation on Saturday. The gains were quickly lost, however, and during the remainder of the session the tendency was downward.

The call money rate rose to 6 per cent. late in the day, which may have been a factor in the heaviness of the stock market. With the easing of the strain in Europe apprehension is felt as to the monetary conditions at the end of the year, although money rates will be watched closely near the end of the months, and may constitute a more important influence. Germany, whose needs are most urgent at this season, succeeded in obtaining more than half the week's offering of South African gold in London.

Baltimore & Ohio, the first of the large railroad systems to make December reports, showed a further gain in revenue.

The bond market moved irregular, but fluctuations were unusually narrow. Total sales, par value, $1,263,000. United States bonds, unchanged on call. Total sales today, 273,0000 shares.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	75
American Agricultural	54½
American Beet Sugar	50⅝
American Can	30⅝
American Can, pfd	115⅝
American Car and Foundry	54⅝
American Cotton Oil	55
American Ice Securities	18
American Linseed	11¼
American Locomotive	42¼
American Smelting and Ref	71⅝
American Smelting and Ref., pfd	104⅝
American Sugar Refining	117½
American Tel and Tel	139¾
American Tobacco	275⅞
Anaconda Mining Co	38⅝
Atchison	105½
Atchison, pfd	102
Atlantic Coast Line	131
Baltimore and Ohio	104½
Bethlehem Steel	36½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	80½
Canadian Pacific	250⅝
Central Leather	28¼
Chesapeake and Ohio	78⅝
Chicago Great Western	16½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	111⅝
Chicago and North Western	136
Colorado Fuel and Iron	34
Consolidated Gas	140
Corn Products	14⅛
Delaware and Hudson	169⅝
Denver and Rio Grande	19⅝
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	38½
Distillers' Securities	21¼
Erie	31⅜
Erie, 1st pfd	48⅝
Erie, 2nd pfd	38⅝
General Electric	183
Great Northern, pfd	132⅜
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	30⅝
Illinois Central	126½
Interborough Met	18
Interborough Met., pfd	62
Inter Harvester	112
Inter-Marine, pfd	14¾
International Paper	12⅜
International Pump	19¼
Kansas City Southern	26¼
Laclede Gas	102½
Lehigh Valley	170⅜
Louisville and Nashville	140
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	138⅜
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	26⅜
Missouri Pacific	41⅝
National Biscuit	124
National Lead	55½
Nat. Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd	27¾
New York Central	108
New York, Ont. and Western	31⅜
Norfolk and Western	112¼
North American	79
Northern Pacific	120
Pacific Mail	30
Pennsylvania	121⅝
People's Gas	113
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	102
Pittsburg Coal	22⅞
Pressed Steel Car	34½
Pullman Palace Car	102
Reading	167½
Republic Iron and Steel, pfd	84⅞
Rock Island Co	23¼
Rock Island Co., pfd	43¼
St. Louis and San Fran, 2nd pfd	29½
Seaboard Air Line	18¾
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	45½
Sloss Sheffield Steel and Iron	40
Southern Pacific	98
Southern Railway	27⅜
Southern Railway, pfd	80
Tennessee Copper	38½
Texas and Pacific	22½
Union Pacific	159
Union Pacific, pfd	92½
United States Realty	73½
United States Rubber	64⅝
United States Steel	67⅞
United States Steel, pfd	109⅝
Utah Copper	58
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	43
Wabash	4
Wabash, pfd	13½
Western Maryland	47¾
Western Union	75
Westinghouse Electric	79
Wheeling and Lake Erie	8

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 23.—Money on call, steady, at 4½@6 per cent.; ruling rate, 4¾; closing bid, 5¾; offered at 6 per cent.; time loans, easy; sixty and ninety days, 6 per cent.; six months, 5½.

Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.8150 for sixty day bills, and at 4.8500 for demand. Commercial bills, 4.80¾. Bar silver, 62¾. Mexican dollars, 49. Government bonds, steady. Railroad bonds, irregular.

BUTTER QUOTATIONS.

Elgin, Ills., Dec. 23.—Butter, firm, at 34 cents.

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Chicago, December 23. — Pitcher Louis Richie, of the Chicago National League club, will receive a Christmas check for one thousand dollars from the club for winning more than 60 per cent of his games last season.

President Murphy promised Richie $500 if he would exceed that average in 1911, but Richie missed the mark by a few points. The offer was repeated at the beginning of last season, in addition to the $500 that Louis failed to obtain in 1911.

Richie is visiting his teammate, James Lavender, at Montezuma, Ga.

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THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

December 24, 1912.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 37 degrees; at 8 P. M., 40 degrees; maximum, 40 degrees; minimum 36 degrees; mean 38 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .03; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.65.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 2.2 feet.

Weather Forecast.

Rain in east, rain or snow in west portion Tuesday; Wednesday fair.

STORM WARNING.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Observer, Wilmington, N. C.:

Hoist northeast storm warning 9:30 P. M. Wilmington to Boston. Disturbance over Alabama increasing in intensity and moving northeast. Winds will increase to brisk and probably high by Tuesday morning and shift to northwest Tuesday afternoon on Carolina coast. MOORE.

Port Calendar—Dec. 24.

Sun rises	7:15 A. M.
Sun Sets	5:09 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 54 min.

Tides.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	10:30	10:20	3:43	3:22
Southport	7:40	10:50	1:17	2:13
Masonboro Inlet	7:11	7:30	12:48	1:41

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 23, 1912.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature. Highest today.	Temperature. Lowest last night.	24 hour precipitation, 8 P. M
Abilene	clear	40	28	.12
Asheville	sleeting	34	28	.06
Atlanta	raining	34	32	.76
Augusta	raining	46	38	1.54
Birmingham	raining	44	38	.88
Boston	cldy	36	30	.0
Charleston	cloudy	48	42	1.08
Charlotte	sleeting	36	32	.36
Chicago	clear	42	24	.0
Galveston	cloudy	44	42	1.28
Jacksonville	cloudy	64	50	.0
Memphis	raining	38	34	1.34
Mobile	cloudy	62	48	1.44
Montgomery	raining	44	38	2.84
New Orleans	cloudy	70	52	1.00
New York	cloudy	36	28	.0
Oklahoma	clear	46	30	.0
Pittsburg	cloudy	36	22	.0
Raleigh	raining	38	30	.30
Savannah	raining	48	42	.08
Shreveport	cloudy	40	34	.86
St. Louis	clear	42	32	.0
Washington	cloudy	40	22	.0

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ALLIES FORCED TO SHOW THEIR HAND

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of the conference and all eyes were turned upon him. The Balkan delegates showed emotion and anxiety; the Turks appeared as impassive as statues.

"All the secondary questions having been settled, the moment has come to explain the conditions under which the allies are ready to conclude peace," Mr. Novakovitch announced. Then he proceeded to read the demands of the Balkan States. When he had finished all eyes shifted to the representatives of the Sultan.

Rechad Pasha arose again and in his habitual slow manner asked for a written copy of the proposals. M. Navakovitch ordered the secretary to make the copy and delegates left their seats and joined in an animated and cordial conversation during the long wait for the copy of the demands. While disclaiming any desire to enter into a discussion of their merits, the Turks said that, speaking unofficially, they considered the allies terms to have been designed for the purpose of breaking off the conference.

When the delegates had signed the document, Rechad asked for an adjournment until Saturday in order to consider the proposals, and his request was granted.

Among diplomats here the opinion prevails that, notwithstanding the Turks consider the inacceptable conditions presented by allies and what the allies declare are terms which cannot be reduced, peace ultimately will be concluded.

Turks fear further reverses and irreparable losses and the allies who already have obtained successes which in their rosiest dreams they never had expected, fear to endanger their positions they have gained.

The hardest point is Adrianople on which an agreement between the delegates perhaps would be difficult if its solution were attempted directly by them. But it may be brought about through the mediation of one power or several powers of Europe.

If mediation through the great European powers is impossible or unsuccessful others may be appealed to, first of all, the United States. It is even rumored that there is a possibility of asking mediation by the Pope. It is recalled that Pope Leo XIII was entrusted by Bismark with the settling of the dispute between Germany and Spain over the Caroline Islands. In case his holiness were mediator in the present controversy, his action would be entirely independent as none of the belligerents is a Catholic power.

The conference of ambassadors will meet again January 2nd. Meanwhile, the German ambassador has gone to Berlin and M. Cambon, the French ambassador, is spending the holidays in Paris. Count Mensdorff, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, and Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, are in the country for Christmas.

FEELS LIKE SQUEEZED SPONGE.

Wilson Has All Day Session With State Pardon Board.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 23.—"I feel like a squeezed sponge," exclaimed President-elect Wilson when he returned home here tonight after an all-day session in Trenton with the State Board of Pardons, over which the Governor presided.

"This is one of the days that takes out of me," he said, "because you do not know sometimes if you are acting right or wrong and you cannot go into the details of all the cases."

Out of 200 applications from convicts, 70 came before the board and not a minute of the day did the Governor get to attend to National business. It was an average number of applications with three capital cases among them. The cases of two were commuted, but a third will be electrocuted.

Governor Wilson's attention was called to the recent discussion of pardon systems in Arkansas and other States and he was asked whether he preferred that the State executive have full responsibility or that the pardoning power be lodged in a board constituted as in New Jersey, of the Governor and the chancellor and six judges from the Court of Errors and Appeals. The Governor has the power of vetoing anw application, but his affirmative vote counts no more than that of the other members.

"I like the New Jersey system better," said Mr. Wilson. "I admire very much this court as it is open minded and certain to do the right thing."

Tomorrow being Governor's day in Trenton, the President-elect will be occupied in the forenoon by State duties but in the afternoon he will have an appointment with Champ Clark to talk over future progressive programmes.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 23.—Governor Wilson sat with the board of pardons today and heard the applications of 70 convicts for pardons. In order that those entitled to their freedom might have their liberty before Christmas, the Governor directed that the meeting of the board be held today instead of in January.

More than 200 convicts applied for pardons, but the cases of only 70 were recommended for a hearing.

ARMY NEARS THE GOAL

Suffragettes Reach Upper Red Hook After Six-mile Hike

Upper Red Hook, N. Y., December 23.—"General" Rosalie Jones and her little band of suffragists hiked into this village at 6 o'clock tonight after the six-mile walk from Rhinebeck. Every member of the "army" professes to be in good marching condition, and ready to continue the trip to Albany tomorrow.

The scheudle calls for a 14-mile walk to Hudson tomorrow, but late tonight it was thought the suffragists would walk but six miles to Livingston, continuing to Hudson on Christmas. All along the country roads today the pedestrians were cordially greeted and several addresses on "votes for women" were made to crowds in Red Hook and this village.

The prediction of snow for the morrow caused but little worrying among the members of the army.

EPIDEMIC UNDER CONTROL.

Armed Guards Enforce Meningitis Quarantine at Midville, Ga.

Midville, Ga., Dec. 23.—Armed deputies were stationed today on every public road entering this place to enforce the quarantine declared as a result of the meningitis epidemic, which up to the present time has caused 12 deaths. No deaths were reported today and only one additional case developed. Nine patients now are being treated.

The general exodus of citizens was stopped today when the guards were stationed to enforce the quarantine. Advices from the adjoining towns of Millen and Waynesboro state that fugitives from Midville have been isolated and will be kept under quarantine for two weeks.

Physicians placed in charge of the situation by Burke county officials today expressed teh belief that the epidemic was now under control.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—Governor Brown today telegraphed Dr. Samuel C. Benedict, president of the State Board of Health, urging him not to hesitate to invoke Federal aid to stay the Midville, Ga., meningitis epidemic if in the opinion of the health board that action seemed advisable.

GOLDSBORO AFFAIRS.

New Baptist Church—Death of an Aged Citizen.

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 23.—The workmen are now busy tearing down the old wooden building of the First Baptist church that has been supplanted by the most handsome and modern brick church building in the State. On the same site will be erected at once a modern five-story office building by Major L. H. Grant, which, when completed, will be the largest and most convenient business structure in the city. Here's hoping that the city will lease one of the floors for a Y. M. C. A. for the young men of the town.

We are glad to greet as a visitor to our city for the holidays Mr. G. E. Crawford, an employee of ths insular government of Porto Rico. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Crawford.

At the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. D. J. Rivenbark, of this city, Mrs. Nancy E. Francis, 80 years old, "fell asleep" last night, and the funeral was held from the First Presbyterian church. The interment was made in the family plot in beautiful Willow Dale cemetery.

CABINET MEMBERS ON JOB

Seven Look After Government In Absence of President

Washington, December 22.—In the absence over Christmas of President Taft, Secretary of State Knox and Secretary of the Navy Meyer, the members of the President's official household who will be here to direct affairs of government will be Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, Attorney General Wickersham, Secretary of War Stimson, Postmaster General Hitchcock, Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel, Secretary of the Interior Fisher and Secretary of Agriculture Wilson. All of the latter officials, it is expected, will eat their Christmas dinners in Washington.

On Christmas Day President Taft will be on the Isthmus of Panama; Secretary of State Knox will be at his country home in Valley Forge, Pa., and Secretary Meyer, with his son, George Von L. Meyer, Jr., will be quail hunting in North Carolina.

In the absence of his chief, Assistant Secretary Wilson will look after State Department matters.

CONFER WITH LEADERS.

Wilson Will See Clark, Underwood and Senator Stone.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Speaker Clark, Majority Leader Underwood of the House, and Senator Stone of Missouri are to call upon President-elect Wilson this week. Speaker Clark will leave for Trenton, N. J., tomorrow. He would not discuss the object of his visit, but it was intimated plainly that it would have nothing to do with the personnel of the new President's cabinet.

"However," said the Speaker, "I don't think we'll spend much time in discussing the condition of the weather.

It is believed that the programme for an extra session will be the topic for consideration so far as the Speaker is concerned. Mr. Underwood's visit may have to be postponed because of his health. He has been seriously ill with a severe cold, which at one time threatened to develop into pneumonia. He is now recovering rapidly, however.

PICKS THREE FOR CABINET

Congressman Edwards Names Daniels, Bryan and Stovall

Savannah, Ga., December 22.—"Three members of the cabinet have been practically selected by President-elect Wilson," said Congressman Edwards, who returned from Washington today to spend the holidays at his home.

"William Jennings Bryan will be Secretary of State. P. A. Stovall, editor of the Savannah Press, will be tendered the post of Secretary of the Interior, and Josephus Daniels, of North Carolina, will be Postmaster General."

"Of course," Mr. Edwards continued, "something may occur between now and March 4th to cause changes, but at present the three men I have named are undoubtedly slated for the cabinet."

Congressman Edwards was a member of a delegation which visited Princeton recently and urged President-elect Wilson to name Stovall for the cabinet.

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BOY SUBJECT OF COMMENT.

Attorneys in Dynamite Defense Pleads for Little Boy's Father.

Indianapolis, Dec. 23.—Four-year-old Georgia Bernhardt, who was playing in the lobby of the Federal building with a toy engine, was made a subject of comment in the argument for the defense before the jury at the "dynamite conspiracy" trial today.

The boy is the son of William C. Bernhardt, Cincinnati, one of the 40 defendants accused of aiding the McNamaras to blow up non-union jobs. The wives of about 30 defendants, with almost as many children, have been sitting throughout the trial for almost three months and while his parents were listening to the denial of the charges of dynamiting, the boy was romping through the lobby with an early supply of Christmas presents.

"If, after this long trial you must convict somebody," said Attorney William N. Harding, "don't convict William Bernhardt, for he is an industrious iron worker and has a wife to support. He has worked hard all his life and has raised a family. Blowing up non-union jobs at night or resorting to violence in a strike is not characteristic of a man who raises a family. But I say if you must convict somebody by the name of Bernhardt, convict his little boy. Send his little boy to the penitentiary. He might stand it, but Bernhardt, with a wife, could not."

Speaking for all the defendants, Mr. Harding referred to letters taken from the Iron Workers' headquarters in Indianapolis upon which the government charges a dynamite conspiracy was directed through the mail. Mr. Harding said the letters remained in the headquarters for six months after John J. McNamara, the secretary, had been locked up at Los Angeles, and none of the writers of the letters ever went to Indianapolis to recover them.

"Why, after McNamara was arrested charged with dynamiting, did not these men rush to Indianapolis to recover their letters?" asked the attorney. "The natural move of a guilty man would be to destroy evidence of his guilt. But these men did not attempt to regain the letters, which remained in McNamara's office unmolested until the government took possession of them."

Mr. Harding also said the government for three months had a telephone instrument hidden under President Frank M. Ryan's desk at the union offices and had not produced in evidence any secret information obtained through that telephone.

John W. Kern said he would speak tomorrow in defense of Herbert S. Hockin and of Eugene A. Clancy and Olaf Tveitmoe, of San Francisco. When Senator Kern concludes, the government is to begin an argument to continue for two and one-half days.

1916 OLYMPICS IN BERLIN.

New Stadium Being Built at an Outlay of $800,000.

Stockholm, Dec. 23.—The general secretary of the Olympic games to be held in Berlin in 1916, Mr. Diem, has been spending some time in Stockholm to gather information from the Swedish committee which conducted the successful meeting of 1912. Mr. Diem said the German games would be conducted on the same lines as were the Swedish, with one central body and different committees for various branches of sport.

The stadium in Berlin, which is nearing completion, will contain a large running track surrounded by a cycling track. The running track will be 666 metres long, and there will be plenty of room on the green inside for field sports. The stadium will cost $800,000.

At the next Olympic congress Germany will propose that fancy cycling and figure skating in an ice rink be added to the programme and will strongly oppose the inclusion of boxing. The Germans do not understand boxing at all, said Mr. Diem, and consider it a barbarous sport.

Germany probably will be opposed on this point by England, the United States, Sweden and Denmark, nations which have favored boxing.

MOTIVE A MYSTERY

London Without Additional News In Regard to Viceroy

London, December 23.—Up to a late hour tonight no news, in addition to that received today concerning the attempt on the life of Baron Hardinge, had reached London. The motive for the attempt is a mystery on which it will be impossible to hazard a guess until it is known whether the miscreant is a Hindu or Mussulman. It is not known as yet whether the bomb thrower has been arrested.

Fears are expressed here that it may have been a manifestation of Moselem resentment at the British occupancy of the ancient Mohammedan capital of India. It is asserted that a warning reached London some time ago that violence would be attempted by Mohammedans on the occasion of the State entry of the viceroy into Delhi.

Great sympathy is extended to Baron and Baroness Hardinge as a result of the attack and much admiration is expressed over their courageous conduct. According to accounts received tonight, the viceroy underwent two operations for the extraction of the pieces of the bomb that penetrated his shoulder.

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(Special to Baltimore Sun.)

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